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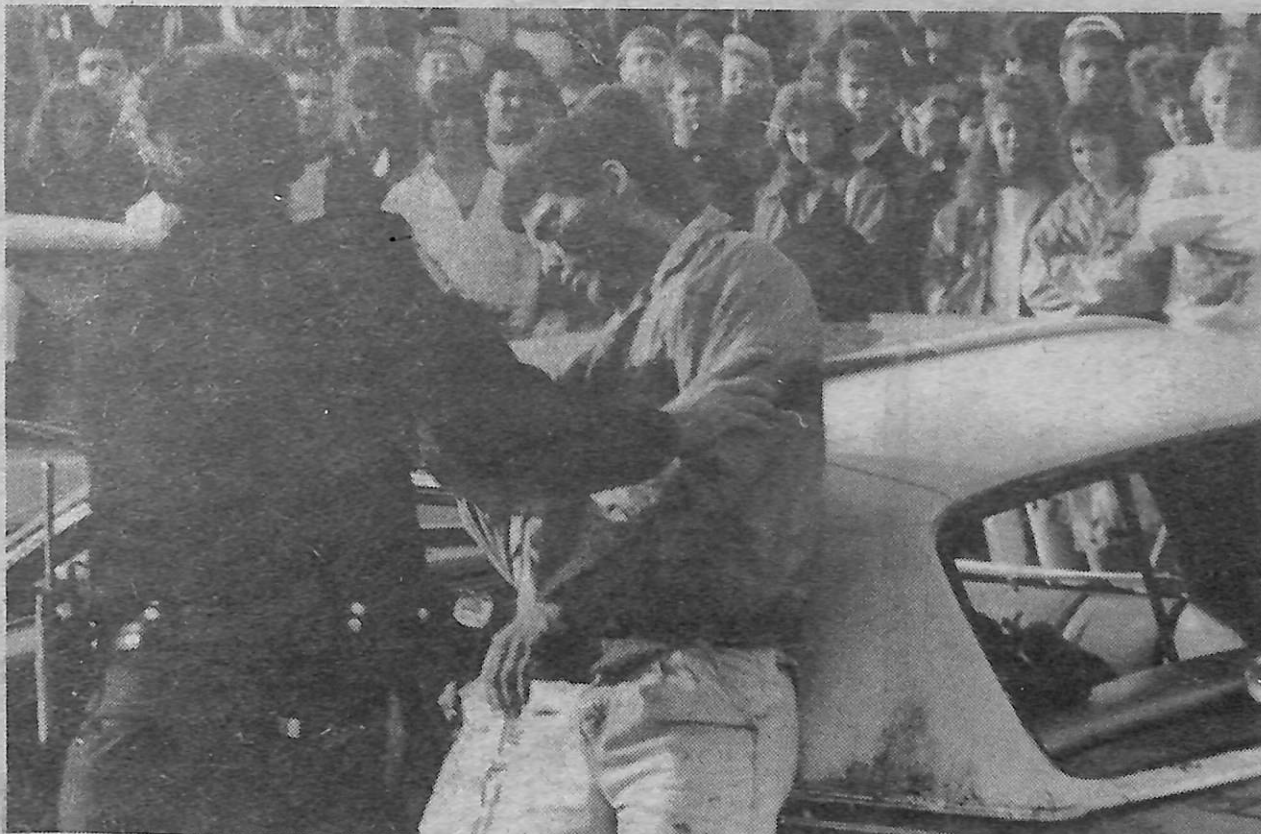
"YOUR HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER"

November 3, 1988

Mock Accident Staged At Agawam High Shocks Students About Drunk Driving



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT STEVE LUBARSKY, a peer leader at the school, portrayed a drunk teenage driver in last Friday's mock accident staged for juniors and seniors. Lubarsky is a peer leader at the school and volunteered for the staged accident. The event was co-sponsored by the Agawam Lions Club, the American Red Cross Safety Council, the Safety Council of Western Massachusetts, and the Agawam High Peer Leadership Students. SEE STORY & MORE PHOTOS in School Section.



Vote Tuesday!!!
Polls Open At 7 a.m.
As a public service, we have published a two-page center on the Ballot. See Pages 16-17

Mayor Best For Agawam!

In this last edition before next week's Presidential Election, Agawam voters will have the opportunity to help decide the future of our country and town.

QUESTION 7 asks Agawam voters to support changing to a mayor elected by the people, instead of an appointed town manager by the town council.

We consider this issue of grave importance for the town and we FULLY ENDORSE this change to an elected mayor.

The following mini-editorials offer some of the reasons why we support a YES VOTE ON QUESTION 7.

The People Should Run Our Town, Not 6 Councilors...

For 17 years the majority of Town Council has held the authority and responsibility of hiring or firing the town manager. It hasn't worked.

Our 11-member at-large council has a majority of six. That's six people who hold the cards for the town - six people who can dictate policy over their employee - the town manager.

We feel after 17 years of the constant confrontations between the employer - the council, and the employee, the manager - the leader of our community should become the people's employee, not the council's.

SEE MORE ON MAYOR - Editorial - Page 4...

If Mayor Passes, Primary In April; Election In May!

It was incorrectly reported earlier this week that no preliminary election (primary) would be held if Agawam voters approve Question 7 on Tuesday.

This is another example of the misinformation and confusion that is being spread to create serious doubts in the minds of voters as they vote on Agawam's future on Tuesday.

LET THE RECORD BE SET STRAIGHT: If a mayor is approved by voters, we will have a Primary on Tuesday, April 4th, 1989 (if more than two candidates are seeking the office). The wording in Question 7 (state petition) and the Town Charter-Section 7 clearly spells this out.

The top two vote-getters in the April 4th Primary would then square-off in the Special Election on Tuesday, May 2nd. The person with the most votes on May 2nd would be declared the winner and be named Agawam's first mayor on May 3rd.

Meet Your Agawam Police...

Helen Bobeck - by Officer Wayne Macey

A resident of Feeding Hills for the past 27 years, Helen started her service to the town in 1980 where she was hired as senior clerk in the collector's office.

In March 1981, the position of secretary in the Police Department became available. Helen applied, and successfully completed an exam qualifying her for the position. She currently holds the position of administrative assistant to the Chief of Police where her duties include processing the payroll for the entire department; keeping records on all sick time, vacation time, and accumulated leave; processing of paperwork for benefits; and in general, making sure everyone stays in line.

Additional responsibilities include duty as secretary to the Liquor Licensing Commission, the dog officer, and the Auxiliary Police Department.

She manages all of the above, while at the same time keeping the chief advised and on schedule. Helen attended Commerce High School in Springfield where she was enrolled in the clerical course. She then went on to Gaugh School of Business in Springfield, where she attended classes.

She is married to Edward Bobeck, a retired fireman in town, and they have two children, Alan and Donna.

Helen's contribution to the department goes far beyond the day-to-day responsibilities of administrative assistant. Her appearance reflects a professional attitude tempered with the touch of a true lady. Her smile is both constant and genuine, and conversation will, more often than not, migrate back to her major source of pride and comfort, her family.

She helps me manage the finances involved in keeping the D.A.R.E. program afloat, and is always available for whatever advice I need.

Helen manages to combine all the qualities of a valued employee with the caring and concern of a mother. She is more than much appreciated.



EXECUTIVE SECRETARY HELEN BOBECK

Ag. Police Blotter For Last Week...

On October 24th, **Kenneth Franklin**, 196 College Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were from the state police.

On October 25th, **John F. Sousa**, 44 Depalma Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officer was Gary O'Brien.

On October 25th, **David K. Higgins**, 84 Clover Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Joe Edwards and Mark Pfau.

On October 27th, **Kyle Reese**, 303 Maple Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Richard Curry, Richard Light, Jr., and Keith Bopko.

On October 27th, **Sandra Deane**, 103 Boudoin Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Robert Landers and Peter Bertera.

On October 28th, **Michael C. Feeney**, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were James Luccardi and Mark Paggi.

On October 28th, **William G. Benjamin**, 335 Springfield Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Walter Letellier and Eric Lottermoser.

On October 28th, **Craig Pinkerton**, 67 Pheasant Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol. Arresting officers were Eric Lottermoser and Richard Light, Jr.

On October 29th, **Clifford E. Day**, 153 Moss Road, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department shoplifting warrant. Arresting officers were Sergeant William Sliech and Jim Lewis.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 17, 1988 at 7:45 PM in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board for an ordinance to amend the first paragraph of Section 20-11 of the Zoning Bylaws entitled "Special Permits".

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman

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The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 17, 1988 at 7:15 PM in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Vincent Connor, for a Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled Zachary Estates. This proposed subdivision is for 19 lots located off of Adams Street.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, November 10, 1988 at 7:15 PM, in the Agawam Town Clerk's Conference Room, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability for Prabodh Reshamalla for property located on Forest Hill Road.

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman

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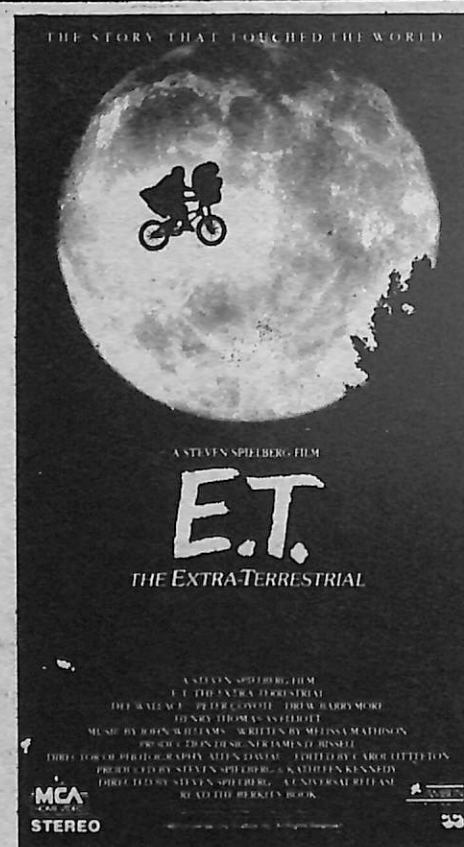
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Editorial

The Reasons Why We Believe A Mayor Is Now The Best Way To Run Agawam

The Town Charter Won't Change Under A Mayor

The elected mayor will have all of the same powers now granted to the town manager, but with two differences - the mayor, with a veto, can no longer be bullied or ordered by members of the council. He or she has the right to take a hard and long look at all of the council's legislation, and not be intimidated by his or her right to say no.

As an employee, the town manager has little to say about important legislation passed by the council - the manager is the council's employee - not the people's.

With your direct vote, you, as a voter, now have direct access to the mayor's office. The veto is for the protection of the voter - it provides checks and balances. Where's the balance now? We have the legislative body employing the executive branch.

That is the cause of the many confrontations between manager and council and WILL NEVER go away. It's inherent to this form of government.

All other aspects of our town charter remain intact. No more boards or commissions are created by voting YES ON QUESTION 7, nor does it call for any reorganization of Town Hall.

Charter Revision Is Being Used To Confuse The Vote

Charter Revision. It's the new buzz word of those who want QUESTION 7 to be defeated on November 8th. We have yet to see anyone

supporting Charter Revision to offer any specifics.

What is Charter Revision?

What we are getting from the more "scholarly" Charter Revisionists is that those supporting an elected mayor are irresponsibly trying to hoodwink the voters. We also hear cliches such as "Putting the cart before the horse," meaning no mayor until we have Charter Revision.

What is Charter Revision? Where are the flaws in this charter? There are gray areas in the charter which have to be examined (and we have editorialized on them over the years), but what part of the charter is not working?

We come back to our original premise - THE MAJOR FLAW in this charter is direct confrontation between the executive, the manager, and the council, the manager's employer.

By electing a mayor and empowering him with all the same authority as a town manager, this confrontation, in essence, can turn into far more cooperation. Now, the council must work with an individual who was elected by the people and who no longer can be intimidated by individual or groups of councilors (into doing some of the unprofessional and outrageous things that have been done to this town during the past 17 years).

We believe some of these same vocal "Charter Revisionists" are using this new battle cry to maintain the chaos.

Are You Satisfied With Our "Professional Government"

Nepotism? Dictator? Political Back-Biting? Cronyism?

Some of the individuals who have been quoted in the press lately are using these terms to describe what will happen to Agawam with the mayor form of government.

We strongly suggest that these terms are actually describing what's happened to the manager form of government over the past 17 years.

What began as an enlightening idea from honorable citizens has evolved into all of the above.

Meanwhile, THE GOOD PEOPLE of Agawam have helplessly become sideline players as the chaos grew and grew.

The good intentions of the town manager system, professional government without politics - has failed, leaving Agawam in leaderless, political turmoil.

As serious members of this community, we feel our community deserves much better government and leadership at Town Hall.

On November 8th, the chance to begin that road comes in the form of QUESTION 7.

It certainly will not be a CURE-ALL for Agawam, but the end of messy and frivolous lawsuits filed by town managers against the town and pay-offs to get them on their way will be over.

We welcome comment on our editorials or whatever is on your mind about Agawam.

Not Again - Another Outside "Professional Manager"

We shudder to think that if QUESTION 7 fails, the council will be forced to start another nationwide manager search to bring into Agawam another "professional."

We also are amused by the comments by our last outside town manager, Reid S. Charles, about a mayor becoming a "DICTATOR." That's a rather ironic comment from someone who held the top government position in this town without ever receiving a direct vote from an Agawam voter at the ballot box.

In fact, we would ask Mr. Charles to describe for us the type of shennanigans that assisted in his downfall - "bounced personal checks at Town Hall after receiving public

cash; the use of a municipal credit card; knowingly sending out tax bills to hundreds and hundreds of taxpayers that were in error; offering the City of Springfield a pontoon bridge across the river so it can bury the incinerator waste in the Meadowlands section of town; and saying this when asked about potential health hazards posed by the Bondi's Island incinerator - "The prevailing winds don't blow in Agawam's direction."

Yes, Mr. Charles. These are definitely the actions of a person who governs without the need to be elected by a majority of the people. One man's "dictator" is another man's administrator.

All the hometown news with us, every week!



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EDITORIAL PAGES - continued...**Guest Editorial...****Let's Set The Record & Facts Straight
On Comments About Treasurer's Office****by Rudy Altobelli**
Agawam Town Treasurer

I dislike to respond to remarks made by members of the council, but when the remarks are critical of my office and staff, an explanation and clarification of what are really the facts is very important.

In a Guest Editorial in last week's edition of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, Councilor Frederick Nardi quoted the findings of a 1986 Audit Report conducted by the state on the Town of Agawam.

In his editorial that criticized my performance, Councilor Nardi failed to mention that I had been appointed to the position of town treasurer/collector only six months before this Audit was conducted by the state. He also failed to mention that for almost two years the permanent position of treasurer/collector was vacant - there was no one in my office doing the job on a permanent basis.

During this nearly two-year absence, the job responsibilities of the treasurer/collector were neglected. Of course, the Audit Report mentioned the effect of this neglect in the report.

As a matter of convenience, Councilor Nardi did not mention the following statement from this same Audit Report. It is apparent why this was left out of his Guest Editorial.

"The primary functions of a town treasurer are to manage and safeguard the cash aspects of the town; arrange borrowing and repayment of funds; take titles of properties for non-payment of taxes, as well as other related areas."

"In the Town of Agawam, however, the other duties of the treasurer are not related to these functions: They are 1) preparing the town's payroll; 2) handling the personnel and tax functions associated with the Town Hall, such as supervising the receptionist, ordering supplies, and managing the copy machine installation."

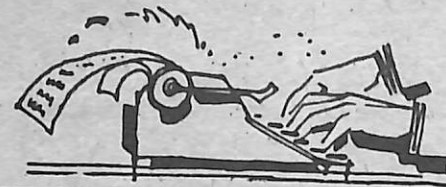
Also, although the 1987 Audit is not yet complete, an initial draft of this Audit reveals that the recommendations and major problems cited in the 1986 audit have been addressed and corrected.

It is unfortunate that Councilor Nardi used this issue to embarrass the Treasurer/Collector's office for problems that we had inherited, but have now corrected.

Finally, Councilor Nardi mentioned all the raises I was supposed to have received. This has caused a problem in my family. My wife wants to know, "Where is all of this money?"



Your turn our pages for all the local news!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**Time For Change In Agawam!****To The Editor:**

It's time for a change! It's time to put an end to the factional political infighting that is dividing our town. We, as a community, must let those that govern us know, we are tired of seeing Agawam dragged through the mud!

For the past several months, a great number of people have been speaking with regret of their decision to live in Agawam. NOT because of the town itself, they love their homes and neighborhoods, rave about the school system and other services offered by the town; BUT the turmoil caused by the present politicians. It's downright embarrassing!

Agawam's politics have become the laughing stock of the state!

No longer seen is the uniqueness and charm of our town. No longer seen are the hardworking and caring individuals and groups who are striving for an improved quality of life. Rather, the front page headlines refer to scandal, distortions, innuendo, and accusations by the various political factions. These are the shadows that reflect on all of us as a community.

Let us, please, get the message to those who govern us. It's time for a change! It's time to work for a united community. Personalities and mud-slinging MUST be put aside. Let us work together to clean up the current mess that clouds our town's name.

Let us work together, so that we, once again, can hold our heads proudly and say we live in Agawam. Let the beauty and charm of our town be known. Let the rest of the state know of the dedicated, caring, resourceful people that live in Agawam. These are the people that deserve to be highlighted, and these are the people that make Agawam a better place to live.

Agawam, it's time for a change and we the residents, have that ability and responsibility. Let those that govern us know. We want an end put to the stigma of their "politics."

Sincerely,
Colleen D. Dupee
A Very Concerned Citizen
Agawam

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Resident Maintains Manager Form Of Govt. Best For Agawam

This editorial will, I hope, give a little food for thought. The proponents of the Mayor form of government say that we need an ELECTED official to run the town and thereby be a voice of the people and a representative of the majority. I THOUGHT that is what the ELECTED town council was for. These people were duly elected by us and were charged with the task of leading this town, passing legislation, and the management of town affairs. They were also charged with the task (and it is SOME task) of hiring a QUALIFIED, PROFESSIONAL manager to run the day to day business of the town. A person who must meet a defined list of qualifications such as: a college degree, a business financial training and a track record of accomplishments in a prior position, administrative abilities and so on. This setup gives us the best balance to govern AND administer our town.

The proposed change to the town charter was ramrodded through the town council by councilors who, I feel, did so more on personal feeling and animosity toward the office of manager. I don't think this group could agree on the price of a free lunch.

The political climate and factional fighting that has and does go on in this town has for years been the reason that we probably don't elect the best (the best have never run), but choose only from a cast of characters looking for recognition much the same as a gathering of clowns at any circus. This mentality of "Oh yeah, I'll get ya for that" is what has led to the disinterest of many outstanding leaders in town from running for the council. The councilors who make up this august body are supposed to PUT THE TOWN'S INTEREST FIRST. It is not in the town's interest to say that by changing one word in the present charter that nothing is changed. If anything at all changes, the whole thing has now changed. It now takes on a whole new meaning.

A mayoral candidate must only meet two qualifications...Be a town resident, and be age 18 years or older...period. Can't you just conjure up a life-size men-

tal picture of what this could lead to? There would be the standard political back rubs...get a friend in here, appoint an overseer there, on and on, and oh yes folks, these are NOT all subject to council approval. It (approval) has been sought in the past as a courtesy to the council.

With few exceptions, most all mayors will within a few months discover they "really should" have a business manager to handle mundane day to day routine, draft budgets, track down state grants and handouts, or apply for federal assistance. (Here we go, another salary). It will take any mayor a few months to get organized and into the swing of things, spend more time pushing his own grand picture of what's good for the town, then what's good for reelection, and then most of the final year of the term running for reelection. If the election was lost then the next mayor would then go about changing all that was done by his predecessor, and we start all over again. What would then happen to the town's capitol spending plan? The prior administrators (managers) mostly left all the glad handing, baby kissing, and backslapping to the politicians and concentrated only on the business at hand, thus at least there was some continuity.

For this I applaud Mr. Charles. Agawam has a very reasonable tax rate, well under 2.5 percent and a lot of this is due to a business background and judicious allocation and spending by a MANAGER. If we need to change the type of government here, then it should be done in the proper and responsible manner; this means taking the time to examine the entire charter and strengthen it where needed, add specifics, define tasks and outline approvals needed...and ONLY AFTER that, if the results show that we should go with a mayor, then I believe the voting populous would then be more receptive.

I just wonder if one councilor isn't just a little ripped at the fact the town (before he was elected) saw it was not economically sound to have Agawam join the county dog pound, and may just also have designs on

getting elected to a better job.

It is sad also that another councilor who stated he had no vendetta or personal animosity toward the town or manager, cost the town all those thousands and thousands of dollars and most of the time will never go along with any proposal that comes from the manager's office. It would have been so much better to have spent that money on educating our finest natural resource, our children, and on our schools.

If the entire council had the best interest of our town at heart, they would put their collective foot down, and tell the state to get off square one and get to work on Route 57. (Now there is a splendid example of elected officials at work.) They could have negotiated with local farmers or land owners for a leaf dump for composting instead of waiting until we are backed into a corner and forced to join Springfield (again) at a cost, which also enhances Springfield's chance of obtaining state money.

It would also have been nice to see our council taking a stand with the media and insisting that references to the "police academy" were correctly stated as the Criminal Justice Training Center in Agawam, not the Agawam Police Academy. If any of these people who think we need a change feel that I am stepping on their toes, then just maybe they should begin to move their feet.

This town must continue to have a MANAGER, and that manager must have a chance to do his job. This system does work best. Vote with your head, not with your heart. I urge you to vote NO on question 7.

After writing this, I read the editorials of last week, and agree wholeheartedly with my high school teacher Mr. George Reynolds.

P.S. If only changing one word in a document doesn't change the entire document, then I wish they would change the word DOLLARS to CENTS on my tax bill... See you all at the polls.

David E. Carpenter
19 Forest Road
Agawam

Councilor Lockhart Says Town "Putting Cart Before Horse"

To The Editor:

I came to live in this town in 1951. Our population was 8,000 plus. Our town government was headed by three selectmen and an open town meeting government which was most interesting. As the town grew we continued with the three selectmen but we changed to a representative town meeting with 30 members elected from each precinct. As the town continued to grow, a Charter Commission was elected to review our town government and out of that study the people of the town voted to have a Town Manager who was trained in the administration of town government. A town council was also elected with representation from the total town and from the precincts. This town council was later to be reduced from 15 members to 11, all

elected at large. So much for history.

Now there is a movement to elect a mayor (referendum 7) which has been defeated by the voters twice in previous years. I believe that we are putting the cart before the horse. In my judgment we should elect a Charter Review Commission to review our charter and our town government. Make suggestions and bring the results of their study back to the voter, together with the opportunity to stay with a town manager or elect a mayor.

This is why I shall vote "no" on referendum 7, not because I am opposed to having a mayor but because the cart should not be before the horse. Let us do the job right and not fall victim to the politically ambitious.

Rev. Benjamin T. Lockhart
Agawam Town Councilor
Former Town Meeting Member

Support George Reynolds' Letter

To The Editor:

We read with great interest the letter in the October 27th issue of the AAN, by George Reynolds. To date, it is the most sensible, enlightening and rational suggestion for keeping the Town Manager form of government in Agawam we have read.

As proponents of the present government structure in town, we feel it would behoove every citizen - especially those "on the fence," to read and carefully consider Mr. Reynolds' presentation.

Marilyn & Dick Curry
Feeding Hills

Catchepaugh New VFW Commander; Vets Day Planned

Newly elected chairman of the Agawam Memorial Committee is Donald Catchepaugh, Commander of V.F.W. Post 1632.

Catchepaugh has announced plans for the town Veterans Day Observance. In honor of deceased veterans, all marked veterans' graves will be flagged on Friday, November 4th, and Saturday, November 5th. V.F.W. Post 1632 will flag the Agawam Center

Cemetery and American Legion Post 185 will flag the Springfield Street Cemetery and the smaller cemeteries in the Feeding Hills section.

In the event that a veteran's grave does not have a military marker as yet or should a grave be unintentionally by-passed, please contact the Veteran Service Office at Town Hall, 786-0400, extension 236.

Uniformed members of the service organizations, V.F.W. Post 1632 and Auxiliary; American Legion Post 185 members and Auxiliary, and D.A.V. Chapter 55, as well as Memorial Committee members will meet and attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony's Church, Bridge Street, Agawam, in honor of all veterans.

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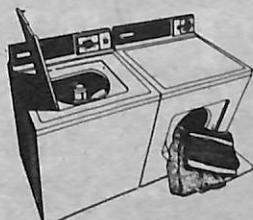
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Mayor-Manager Forum Sponsored By GOP At Junior High School

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Sixty people, including several members of the Agawam Town Council, attended a town meeting discussion last week on **Question 7—the town Manager/Mayor referendum question**—and were given a chance to ask questions on the finer points of the issue and air their views, pro and con, on Agawam's form of government.

Sponsored by the Agawam Republican Town Committee and held at the Junior High School cafeteria, the meeting drew more interest from a "charter revision" point than as a debate on the actual issue.

Councilor Christopher Johnson and Andrew Campbell, chairman of the Town Republican Committee, co-chaired the forum, with each playing devil's advocate on opposite sides of the issue. Prior to the open forum, Johnson presented the audience with an overview of the differences between the managerial and mayoral systems.

Despite his own stated preference for a mayoralty, which was one of his campaign platforms, Johnson, for the sake of debate, took the defense on the managerial side, stating that a manager is a specialist trained to run governments, and noting that an Agawam pro-mayor vote would create the strongest, most politically powerful mayor in the Commonwealth, a mayor who would have veto power over Town Council actions.

"I don't know if the people realize how strong a mayor they are choosing," Johnson said. "The charter was written to have a town manager at the helm. The charter was written with the assumption that the person at the helm (a carefully selected person) is qualified. A popularly elected mayor, however, may or may not be the best man to run the town."

In defense of a mayoralty, Campbell affirmed his confidence in the democratic system where people are allowed to elect their heads of government from the highest federal level to the smallest of towns. "I am confident," he said, "that we are able to govern ourselves locally and decide for ourselves who is qualified." He continues, "No one asks for criteria on candidates at a state and national level."

Campbell said he has watched the hiring of town managers, what the town has to go through "to get rid of them," and feels the mayoral system will give the



RESIDENTS IRENE COMEE PIGEON, Meanette Vermes, and Jean Stowers listen to a forum on the mayor vs. manager form of government last week at the Junior High School. The Agawam Town Republican Committee sponsored the forum. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

people an easy way—by voting—to weed-out the bad and reelect the good.

Of the people choosing to speak on the issue, it was a 50-50 split, with no clear leanings in either direction. Advocates on each side were equally vehement in their stand.

Councilor David Skolnick expressed concern that a popularly elected mayor would appoint his "cronies" to key government positions, making favoritism the name of the game.

He voiced concern, too, that a mayor lacking in the professional managerial skills would need to spend additional town funds securing advisors and analysts to deal with the more complex town functions. He attributes the managerial problems of the past two town

managers to "faulty evaluations" by the people involved in the hiring process.

The Agawam Public Library Tuesday night offered an overview about the issue, and also provided another opportunity to question the pros and cons of this controversial issue.

When contacted for comment, Councilor Paul Fieldstad, who sponsored the mayor petition on the council floor earlier this year, said, "I can't stress enough the need for change in Agawam town government. I can't imagine another outside manager coming into this town, but we'll just have to wait and see what the people decide. That's the way government is supposed to be run—for the people and by the people."

Municipal Events

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Tuesday, November 8th
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Wednesday, November 9th
Town Council Meeting
Agawam Public Library
8:00 P.M.

Thursday, November 10th
Board of Health
Public Hearing
Bondi's Island Incinerator
7:00 P.M.

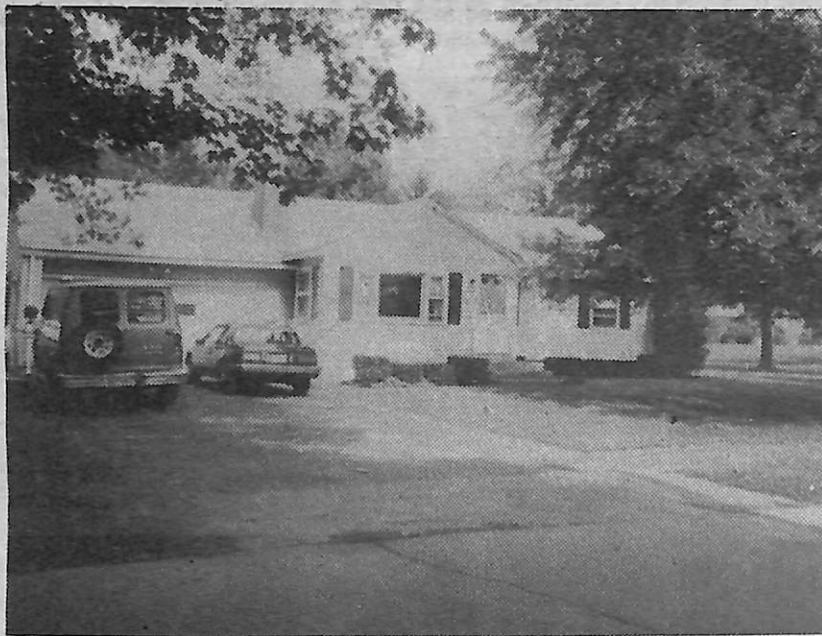
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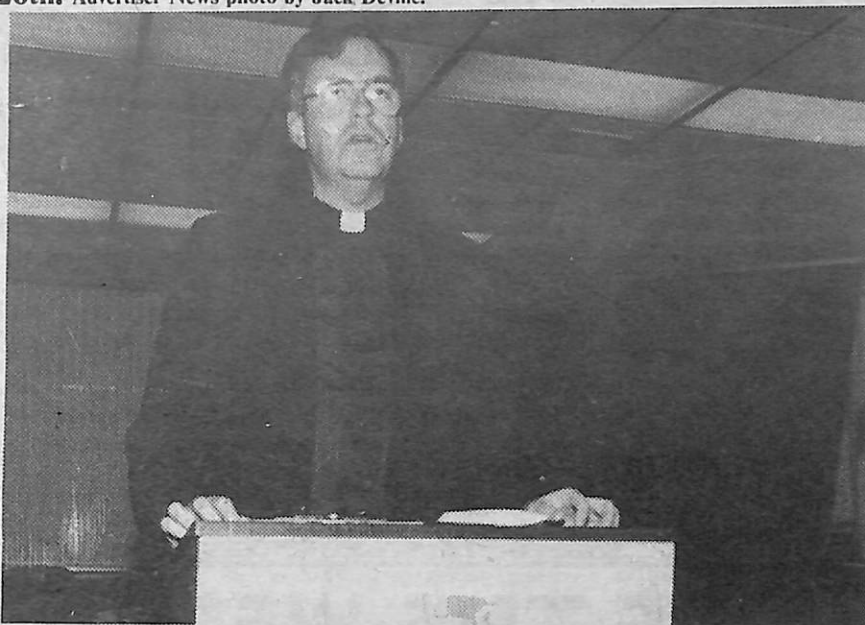
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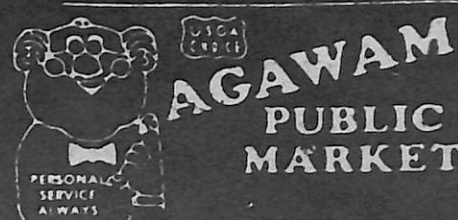
FORMER FEEDING HILLS POSTMASTER Joseph Dahdah congratulates new Postmaster Walter Ciashini at ceremonies held at the Agawam Public Library on Wednesday, October 26th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



REVEREND DAVID JOYCE gives the Invocation before Walter Ciashini is officially sworn in as the new postmaster of Feeding Hills Post Office. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



WALTER CIASCHINI gives his acceptance speech after taking the oath of office. Ciashini is the new postmaster of the Feeding Hills Post Office. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Installation Ceremony - (continued from Page 8...)



NEW FEEDING HILLS POSTMASTER WALTER CIASCHINI (right) listens to introduction of speakers with Jo Saunders, director of Field Operations, U.S. Post Office (center-right). Mrs. Saunders gave Ciaschini the oath of office. Also photo is Robert Brock, an aide to State Rep. Michael P. Walsh (left). Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.



SHIRLEY CIASCHINI holds the Bible for her husband, Walter, as he takes the oath of office as the new Feeding Hills Postmaster. Jo Saunders, director of Field Operations, is giving the oath of office. Looking on is Ciaschini's son, Michael. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1988 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of MR. JOHN A. KIEFFER who is seeking relief from Section 20-59 (a) of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the construction of an addition to an existing building with less than the required side lot clearance at the premises identified as 449 SILVER STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald LaRiviere, Chairman

Published: November 3, 1988

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World War II Sailors From Minesweeper Gather In Agawam

Agawam resident and former navyman Robert Watson of Elm Street remembers his days as shipmate on the U.S.S. Gladiator in the Pacific Theater.

In fact, Watson's vivid memories of his wartime experiences were razor sharp last month when fellow shipmates gathered at his home to remember their younger days as sailors on the minesweeper that toured the Pacific in the fight against the Japanese Imperial Fleet.

The first two reunions were held in 1982 and 1983 in Mesa, Arizona. Ten shipmates attended the initial gathering.

Nineteen men met at Watson's home October 14th -15th, 44 years after beginning one of the most exciting and traumatic experiences of their lives. Most of the men were together for nearly two years aboard the U.S.S. Gladiator. The ship was deployed in places like Pearl Harbor, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa.

This year's reunion was actually the seventh held since 1982, but it was considered the best for the former members of the 7th fleet and two widows of former shipmates who attended.

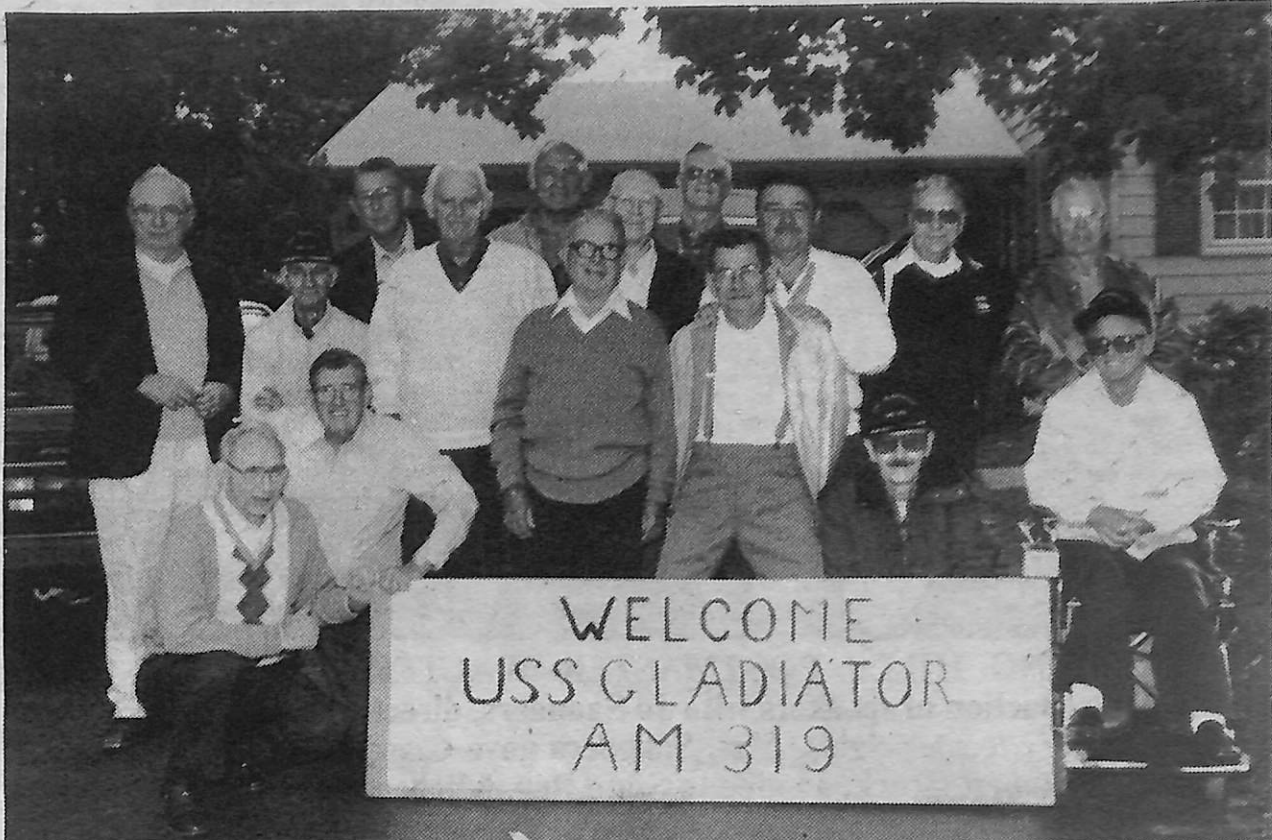
Had it not been the hard work of one of the ship's crewmen, most of the shipmates of the Gladiator may have never met again after separating nearly 40 years ago. Don Westlund was the ship's yeoman back then and was in charge of maintaining ships records.

He kept those records when he left the Navy 42 years ago. Westlund said he went "all out" several years ago after retiring from a real estate job in Mesa, Arizona.

Westlund has lost touch with some of the shipmates, but began contacting VFW officials throughout the country and calling those he had kept in touch with in an effort to locate the former members of the Gladiator.

Fifty-eight seamen who were stationed aboard the Gladiator during World War II are known living. Westlund said he contacted each of them, attracting 19 of the former shipmates to this year's reunion at the home of Agawam's Bob Watson.

Watson was a sonarman aboard the Gladiator. "We went through a lot together," he told us. "The camaraderie and brotherly love that we had for each other made me want to host this reunion," Watson added.



AGAWAM RESIDENT ROBERT WATSON (kneeling-second from left) hosted a reunion for his former shipmates on the U.S.S. Gladiator, a minesweeper that toured the South Pacific in the fight against the Japanese Imperial Fleet. Nineteen members of the former crew traveled to Agawam for the reunion. Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.

The Gladiator was deployed in various parts of the South Pacific before closing in on the beaches of Okinawa in March 1945 where it began minesweeping operations and screening duties.

In April the ship came under attack from a Japanese bomber and shot it down with the help of four American fighters that were on the bomber's tail during its approach.

Enemy planes were also shot down in ensuing days. On April 22nd, a Japanese Kamikaze attack resulted in the death of one of the shipmates. The plane was shot down, crashing into the sea after passing just 50 feet above the ship's deck.

The Gladiator also served during the Korean War

and was later transferred to the Mexican Navy.

The former shipmates who served the 7th fleet are now scattered throughout the country. One of them served the Navy for 28 years. They became firemen, ministers, school superintendents, among other things.

Most are retired now and are looking forward to another reunion, the shipmates' eighth, this time in 1989.

"It was an honor having my former shipmates at my home in my own community," said Watson, who is a member of the Agawam Housing Authority, as well as being involved in various other civic activities in Agawam over the years.



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Area Realtors Urge Residents To Vote

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With such high stakes, you would think that all eligible voters would flock to polling places around the country on November 8th. That's not the case. Sad, but true, millions of Americans will not cast a vote. Additional millions have not even registered for the privilege of voting.

The Greater Springfield Board of Realtors urges you to vote. The old saying about one vote counting is true. One vote has played a key role in some of the most important decisions in history.

In May, 1765, Patrick Henry, a fiery young Virginia lawyer, introduced his famous anti-Stamp Tax resolution to a shocked Virginia House of Burgesses. Henry denounced England's Policy of taxation without representation. It was the first step toward American independence, and the resolution was adopted by the Virginia Assembly that fateful day by just one vote.

There were three major candidates in the 1824 presidential race, but none gained the electoral college majority needed to win. The final decision had to be made in the House of Representatives. The house, voting by states, required a clear majority (13 of the then 24 states) to win. Twelve voted for John Quincy Adams, seven for Andrew Jackson, and four backed Robert Crawford. New York held the key vote but had to delay casting its ballot because its delegates were evenly divided between Adams and Jackson. Finally, one vote was switched to Adams, which gave him the one state vote he needed to become the sixth president of the United States.

Probably the most famous one vote decision occurred in March, 1868. Andrew Johnson who had become President after the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, was impeached by the House of Representatives for abusing his executive powers and was tried in the Senate. Johnson was found not guilty by one vote.

The 1876 presidential election was a dilly. Sam Tilden, Democrat Governor of New York, defeated Rutherford B. Hayes, a Republican Governor of Ohio, in the popular election by more than 250,000 votes. Because of some confused returns, the Electoral College had to appoint a commission to decide the disputed vote and determine the winner. After long deliberation, the commission made the loser, Hayes, the winner by one electoral vote.

Did you know that the purchase of Alaska from Russia was ratified in 1867 by just one vote? Our largest state might still be a part of Russia today except for that one vote.

One vote decisions are not peculiar to this country, though. Margaret Thatcher became England's first woman prime minister by one vote. In 1979, the British Parliament ended James Callaghan's government on a 311 to 310 "no confidence" vote. Margaret Thatcher rose to power in the subsequent parliamentary election.

One of the most important and least cited one vote decisions took place shortly after the American Revolution. "Mit nur einer stimme mehreit wurde Englisch zur landssprache gewahlt." That's not a string of typographical errors. It's German. Loosely translated, it means that one vote made the difference in a bill that would have changed the official language of America from English to German.

The Greater Springfield Board of Realtors urges you to register to vote...and then vote. Call your local town or city hall for voter registration information. One vote - your vote - counts.

Seminar On Steroids Set At Fitness First

The recent attention given to steroid use among professional and amateur athletes has made its way to the many young college and high school athletes everywhere. The athlete's "creed" of win at all costs is now becoming a life-threatening issue.

On Monday, November 28th, at 7:30 p.m., Fitness First, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, will hold a steroids forum. Listen to former steroid users tell of their personal experience with steroids, and from medical doctors who will give the facts about the effects of steroid use.

Admission is free, and the public is welcome.

Influenza Clinic Slated By Health Department

The Agawam Health Department has scheduled an Influenza Clinic at the Senior Center on Wright Street, for Tuesday, November 15th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Influenza vaccine will be administered free of charge to persons 65 years of age and over or if you have chronic conditions such as: heart disease, asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, chronic kidney disease, or diabetes.

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Why We Support A Mayor For Agawam

The Town Manager form of government can work well some of the time, but when the time for transition occurs for whatever reason, burn out, loss of touch, etc., the system does not provide the means for doing it without great disruption.

The responsibility for choosing the governmental leader should rest with those who will be most affected.

Elections provide periodic rhythmic opportunities to move the government in a new direction when necessary.

There is no question we as a community are capable of self-government.

We feel we should do our best to elect the best available under all circumstances and then work as best we can with the one chosen.

The responsibility for what happens would then seem to be where it should be. As Abraham Lincoln said, "...of the people, by the people and for the people..." It is as true on the local level as it is on the national level, perhaps even more so.

Are we sure the mayor form of government is best for Agawam? No, we are not sure, but we have to make a decision one way or another and we choose to go with the people's choice for an agreed upon term.



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For eligible residents who heat with natural gas, fuel assistance funds may cover a portion of unpaid gas bills as of today, as well as many future winter gas bills, according to Sonja Teasdale, manager, customer responsibility, Bay State Gas. Tenants whose rent includes heat may also be eligible for fuel assistance.

"Even if you received fuel assistance last winter, you must apply again for help with heating bills this winter," explained Teasdale. "And if you've already received an application, send it back to the agency or call them."

To find out if you are eligible and how to apply for fuel assistance, residents of Springfield should call the New England Farm Workers Council, 733-9715.

Residents of Agawam, Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Hampden, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Monson, Southwick, West Springfield, and Wilbraham should call the Valley Opportunity Council, 594-6621 or 592-6121. And residents of Easthampton, Florence, Granby, Leeds, Northampton, and South Hadley should call the Hampshire Community Action Commission, 584-6447 or 533-1801.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF HEALTH

The Agawam Board of Health will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 10, 1988, at 7:00 P.M. in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to address the provision of M.G.L., Chapter 111, Section 150 A, dealing with the Board of Health's authority to recind, suspend or modify through the imposition or amendment of conditions the site assignment for the Fluor Resource Recovery Facility.

Testimony may be presented for or against the adoption of any conditions by the Board of Health based upon a determination that the operation or maintenance of said facility results in a threat to the public health and safety of the environment.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM BOARD OF HEALTH
William Euliano, Chairman

Published: November 3, 1988

LEGAL NOTICE

Fire-Wise by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

Be Careful With That Cozy Fireplace

A fireplace, with a dancing fire lends a cozy feeling to any home, especially on a cold, blustery day. Fireplaces and other wood-burning equipment can provide efficient heat, too. But they can spell tragedy if you're not careful. The Agawam Fire Department wants you to protect yourself, your family and your home with these safety tips:

Keep tight-fitting screens or glass doors in front of fireplace openings to prevent sparks from flying out. Keep papers, furniture, and other things that might burn away from the front of the fireplace. Don't leave children alone in a room where a fire is burning. And never burn while you are out or asleep.

A wood-burning heating system or device should be safe, economical, efficient, easy to use, and attractive to look at. **No system is fireproof.** Have your system installed by a reputable professional and have it inspected by the fire department before you use it. Keep small children from being burned by a wood-burning stove by purchasing and installing retaining screens made especially for that purpose.

Although proper installation can help prevent a fire, know what to do if one does happen. Know the signs of a chimney fire: a loud roar, sucking sounds, and shaking pipes. Make sure your entire family knows what to do.

If you think you have a chimney fire, cut off the fire's air supply by shutting any air intake vents in the firebox. Close the damper. Everyone should leave the house immediately and call the fire department from a neighbor's home or other nearby telephone. Practice fire drills so that everyone knows at least two different ways out of the house.

Dispose of ashes by placing them in metal containers, never in paper or plastic bags or cardboard boxes. Ashes can hold enough heat to start a fire for several days. Wet the ashes and make sure they are cold.

Keep the home fires burning safely this winter.

Agawam DPW Special Leaf Collection

The Agawam Department of Public Works wishes to advise residents that effective immediately, **LEAVES** will no longer be collected as part of the regular bi-weekly rubbish collection. There will be a **special collection** during early November just for leaves. For this collection leaves **MUST** be in **30 GALLON 2 PLY KRAFT PAPER SACS** and placed on the treebelt.

Leaves in plastic bags or barrels or other containers will not be taken in this special collection nor during the regular bi-weekly rubbish collections.

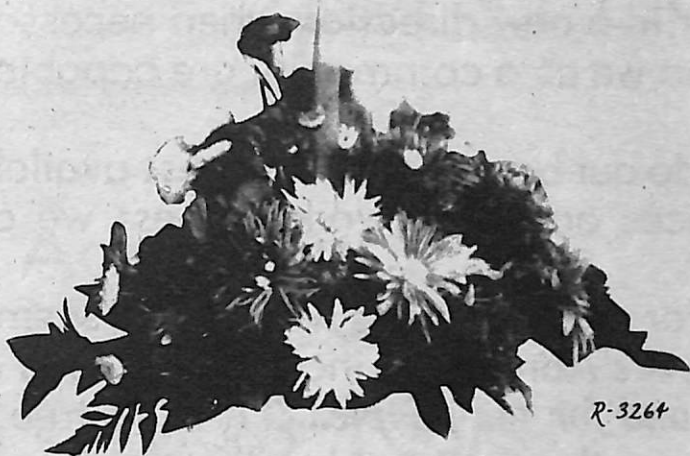
The 30 gallon paper sacs will be available in Agawam at the **FOOD MART STORE** on Friday, October 21st, and **ROCKY'S HARDWARE** will also have the bags in stock no later than October 25th. The **AGAWAM BIG Y** will have the bags available the week of October 24th. Both **FEEDING HILLS HARDWARE** and **TRUE VALUE HARDWARE** will have the bags available. In Springfield, in addition to the above retail outlets, **A&P, SERV-U HARDWARE**, and **STOP & SHOP** (including the West Springfield Store) have bags for purchase.

The **SPECIAL LEAF COLLECTION** schedule is as follows:

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November 9	Route 7
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Of course, the issue goes beyond the threat of electricity shortages, and economic consequences.

It is important to consider the complex scientific questions involved, including the adverse environmental and health effects

of the likely replacements to nuclear energy — oil and coal.

When looking at the scientific issues, please consider the views of my colleagues in Massachusetts' scientific community, who overwhelmingly recommend a No vote on Question 4.

— Thank you. —

Dr. A. M. Cormack
Nobel Laureate in Medicine
Tufts University
October 28, 1988

Partial list of over 3,000 Massachusetts Scientists and Engineers Publicly Opposed to Question 4.

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Agawam Crime Prevention... Some Frightening Stats On Drugs & Alcohol

by Officer Wayne Macey
Crime Prevention Officer

The following drug information was compiled from Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration, National Center for Health Statistics, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, National Institute on Drug Abuse, and the Office on Smoking and Health.

1. One out of 10 people who drink becomes an alcoholic. About 17 million Americans are alcoholics, 4½ million of which are teenagers.
2. One out of 20 high school seniors drinks alcohol daily.
3. The cost of alcohol consumption to U.S. society exceeds \$50 billion a year.
4. The average age people start to drink is now 12.9 years.
5. Fetal alcohol syndrome is the third known leading cause of mental retardation.
6. Over half of all motor vehicle accident fatalities and one-third of injuries are alcohol related. Of the 25,000 people who die each year in drunk driver accidents, 5,000 are 15-19 year-olds; 14 teenagers die each day in drunk driver accidents.
7. Adolescents are the only age group in which the mortality rate has increased in the past 20 years, largely due to drinking/driving accidents.
8. In 1985, 18 million Americans smoked marijuana at least once a month, down from 20 million in 1982.
9. Four out of 10 high school seniors use marijuana at least yearly, one out of four at least monthly.
10. Over 6 percent of 6th-8th graders have smoked marijuana, and about 2 percent smoke it at least weekly.
11. The marijuana of the 1980's contains THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) 5-10 times more potent than the marijuana of the 1960's and 1970's.
12. Twelve million people use cocaine at least yearly, including 13 percent of high school seniors and 4 percent of teenagers. Almost six million people use cocaine at least monthly, including 6 percent of high school seniors and 2 percent of teenagers.
13. One out of four high school seniors has tried stimulants without medical supervision.
14. One out of five high school seniors smokes cigarettes daily, one out of 10 chews tobacco.
15. Overall, 37 percent of Americans age 12 or older have tried an illicit drug at least once in their lifetimes, 19 percent at least once in the past year, and 12 percent at least once in the past month.
16. One out of four children in every classroom lives in a chemically dependent home.
17. Children of chemically dependent parents are two to three times more likely to become chemically dependent themselves than are other children.
18. Alcohol is a significant factor in approximately 75 percent of child abuse and spouse battering cases.

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State Attorney General Rules On Grasso Case

Attorney General James M. Shannon today announced the settlement of a 10-year dispute involving the illegal filling of an environmentally protected area.

Shannon's office filed a consent judgment in Suffolk Superior Court against Frank Grasso of Agawam. Grasso owns a parcel of land located on Main Street which was formerly used as the town's landfill. Despite the fact that the landfill was closed by the town in 1975, Grasso continued to dump construction debris at the site, which included a floodplain area. These activities were in violation of the Massachusetts Solid Waste Disposal Act and the Wetlands Protection Act.

Over the last decade, the town of Agawam sued Grasso three different times, in an effort to stop the illegal filling and dumping. In December 1975, town officials requested that the Commonwealth step in. The Attorney General sued Grasso and won a preliminary injunction against him in January 1986.

Today's judgment requires Grasso to:
— remove fill material from the floodplain area in order to restore the flood storage capacity lost since 1975;

— close and cap the remainder of the site; and
— remove exposed refuse for off-site disposal.

Grasso is also permanently enjoined from disposing of any refuse at the site.
"I am pleased we have been able to resolve this long-standing dispute so that no further harm comes to our environment," Shannon said. "Cases like this are perfect examples of why this office sought and obtained tough new penalty provisions under our environmental laws. We now have the tools to more readily prevent situations like this in the future."

Shannon added that since the initiation of the Grasso case, both the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (DEQE) and the Attorney General have been given new penalty authority to deal with similar violations in the future.

Handling the case for Shannon is Assistant Attorney General James R. Milkey of the Environmental Protection Division.

IRS Looking For Residents With Unclaimed Refunds

The Internal Revenue Service is looking for Massachusetts residents whose refund checks, worth \$1,571,835.36, were returned as undeliverable by the Postal Service last year.

Approximately 2,487 refunds remain unclaimed by area residents and businesses. When refunds are returned by the Postal Service, the IRS attempts to find the taxpayers and deliver the checks, but there are always some who cannot be found.

"Many taxpayers move or change their names and don't notify the IRS," said District Director Gerard R. Esposito. As a result, thousands of taxpayers nationwide have not received their 1987 refunds. Some unclaimed refunds, in fact, date back further.

**Those due refunds from Feeding Hills include:
Daniel J. Methot, Julio E. & Idaly Restrepo.**

The above taxpayers should call the IRS toll-free. IRS personnel can assist them in applying for reissuance of their refund check. Taxpayers should be prepared to provide the IRS telephone assistants with proper identification—name, address, and social security. The IRS toll-free number is 1-800-424-1040.

Agawam Obituaries

Mildred I. Manfredini

Mildred Irene Manfredini, 72, formerly of 124 Wait Street, Springfield, a retired employee of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, died in Baystate Medical Center. She retired in 1981. She has also worked at the former Brigham's Department Store and Steiger's Department Store, both of Springfield.

Born in Springfield, she lived there most of her life before moving to Agawam. She was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and a member of the Agawam Senior Center and the Pheasant Hill Village Senior Club.

She leaves a sister, Eleanor L. O'Neill of Springfield; a nephew, Jack R. F. O'Neill of Feeding Hills; a great-nephew, Matthew O'Neill; two great-nieces, Bridget and Erin O'Neill, and many cousins.

The funeral was in the church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge.

Celia M. Moore

Celia M. (McAuley) Moore, 84, formerly of 156 Suffolk Street, Agawam, died in a local nursing home.

Born in the Thompsonville section of Enfield, she had lived in Hampden before moving to Agawam eight years ago. She was a member of the Federated Community Church of Hampden. Her husband, F. Roger Moore, died in 1984.

She leaves two nephews, Firth McAuley of the Florence section of Northampton, and Warren K. Wilhelm of District Heights, Maryland, and a niece, Barbara W. Whitaker of Somers.

The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfield, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery, Springfield.

Veterans' Memorial Won't Be Ready

While construction of the town's Veterans Memorial is progressing, the Agawam Veterans Memorial Committee has announced that the project will not be completed in time for a Veteran's Day dedication as hoped.

Building Maintenance Supervisor Tony Albro has experienced difficulty in locating a finish carpenter willing to take on the job of the millwork in duplicating the original cupola design which housed the Danahy School bell according to Ruth Bitzas, committee member. Mrs. Bitzas explains that she is hopeful someone reading this article may be able to suggest a carpenter to assist in the completion of the project.

The Veterans Memorial Committee is very appreciative of the public response to the veteran casualty list published in *The AAN* on September 15th. As a result of publicity in the past year, six additional names have been added to the list and verified with War Records.

Also, it was determined that the state bonus allowed war time veterans had not been applied for on behalf of two veterans on the list.

If other family members of those on the casualty list have not applied or are unsure as to whether or not the bonus for their loved one had been applied for, please contact Veteran Agent Ruth Bitzas at Town Hall, 786-0400, extension 236, and she will be pleased to assist with an inquiry and application.

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For an individual, the taxpayer identification number is a social security number (SSN). The IRS matches the customer's taxpayer identification number provided by the payer with records of the Social Security Administration to identify discrepancies. The IRS then notifies the bank or payer of problem accounts.

"We have requested that banks and other payers send these notices so customers can resolve discrepancies and avoid tax withholding on their accounts," said District Director Gerard R. Esposito.

The Interest and Dividends Compliance Act of 1983 provides for so called "backup withholding" which means that 20 percent of the payments such as interest and dividends must be withheld when a taxpayer fails to provide a correct social security number to a bank or other payer.

"In the notices, you will be asked to certify that the numbers provided are correct or to provide correct numbers," said Esposito. Taxpayers who receive notices should resolve all problems with their bank or financial institution or the Social Security Administration. Taxpayers other than individuals, such as partnerships or estates, may need to contact the IRS to resolve any problems.



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Residents will be required to empty their containers, including plastic bags, into the receiving truck and take their containers away with them. Provisions will be made for handling bulk deliveries in pickups or trailers. Residents must show driver's license, vehicle registration as proof of residency. No leaves will be accepted from businesses engaged in landscaping or lawn care, or general cleanup. No materials other than leaves will be accepted.

Former Agawam Resident Chairs International Eye Ball

Susan Miller of Washington, D.C., formerly of Agawam, served as the chairwoman of the 28th Annual International Eye Ball held October 1st at the Four Seasons Hotel, Georgetown, Washington, D.C.

The Annual Ball is held to benefit the goal of "peace worldwide through the prevention and cure of blindness."

For 27 years, the International Eye Foundation has devoted considerable time to the prevention and cure of blindness throughout the world, particularly in developing countries. The IEF programs treat over 500,000 people annually.

This year the committee was fortunate to have the Ball totally underwritten which means it was able to provide even greater hope for fulfilling Dr. King's vision of a world with "peace through sight."

Susan is the daughter of Thomas & Ida Colli of 33 Prospect Street, Agawam.

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Dawn M. Negrucci Bride Of Robert E. Uschmann

Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills was the setting for the October 1st wedding of Dawn M. Negrucci to Robert E. Uschmann.

Parents of the bride are Mr. & Mrs. John J. Negrucci of 35 Hayes Avenue, Feeding Hills. The groom's parents are Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Uschmann of 33 Northwood Street, Feeding Hills.

Leah Negrucci attended her sister as maid of honor, and John Fiorini served the groom as best man.

Bridesmaids were Jennifer Uschmann, Christine Grenier, and Dena Roy.

The ushers included Scott Negrucci, Gary Rescigno, and Mario Vanotti.

Peter Bennett, godchild of the bride, was responsible for the guest book.

The couple graduated from Agawam High School. The bride received an associate's degree in dental hygiene from Springfield Technical Community College, and is a dental hygienist for Drs. Magovern and Fontana, Inc., East Longmeadow.

The groom has a degree in machine and tool design from Springfield Technical Community College and works for Power Systems, Inc., Bloomfield, Connecticut.

The couple enjoyed a honeymoon at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. They are now residents of Agawam.

Cathedral High Class Of '48 Schedules Class Reunion

Cathedral High School Class of 1948 will hold its 40th Class Reunion Friday, November 25th, at 6:00 p.m., at La Renaissance Banquet House, East Windsor, Connecticut (Exit 45 off Route 91).

Choice of entrees include prime rib or baked stuffed shrimp. Price is \$35 per person. For reservations, call 734-6261, 781-5363, or write Reunion '88, 173 Porter Lake Drive, Springfield, MA, 01106.

There will be cocktails, dinner, a celebration program, and live music. The committee has been unable to contact 100 class members. If you have any information regarding out-of-town, out-of-state, or recently moved members, please contact the above numbers.

Make your reservations as soon as possible. Please make checks payable to Reunion '88.



MRS. ROBERT E. USCHMANN
nee Dawn M. Negrucci

Agawam Juniors Plan Papa Gino's Fundraiser

Family Night at Papa Gino's will be held by the Agawam Junior Women's Club on Monday, November 14th. The Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, restaurant will donate a percentage of their profits from sales made between 5:00 and 10:00 p.m.

The town's support would be greatly appreciated for the fundraiser which will benefit the many local charities supported by the Juniors.

Mended Hearts Association To Host David Skolnick

The Mended Hearts Association will hear a lecture on handwriting analysis by David Skolnick on Monday, November 7th, at 7:30 p.m., in the Elks Home, Tiffany Street, Springfield. The public is invited.

"Handwriting analysis is a developed science; it is legally used in the court system and in the business world, especially in the hiring of people and in taking credit risks," said Skolnick. He has researched and studied handwriting for over 30 years. "It has become one of my best and most enjoyable pastimes," he added.

Skolnick has received the Beth El Brotherhood Humanitarian Award, the "Outstanding Servant Award from Channel 22, WWLP," and many other awards from the military to the proclamation making "David Skolnick Day in Agawam," on March 20th, 1984.

Agawam UNICO Plans Annual Fundraising Dinner Dance

The Agawam UNICO Club is having its Annual Fundraising Dinner at Chez Josef, Friday, November 18th, at 6:00 p.m., featuring the music of Bart Nascembeni. In the past year, Agawam UNICO donated over \$7,000 to the following worthy causes:

Agawam High School Activities, Agawam Junior Olympians, Agawam Safety Patrol Trip, Agawam Scout Troop 82, Agawam Senior Center, Agawam Stadium Lights, American Cancer Society, Camp Rainbow Fund, Captain Charles Leonard House Fund, D.A.R.E. (Police Drug Abuse Program), Anthony D'Amalo Fund, Easter Seals, John Schnelli Fund, Melani Meunier Fund, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Operation Magic (For Retarded Children), Sacred Heart Athletic Association, UNICO Scholarship Awards, United Cerebral Palsy.

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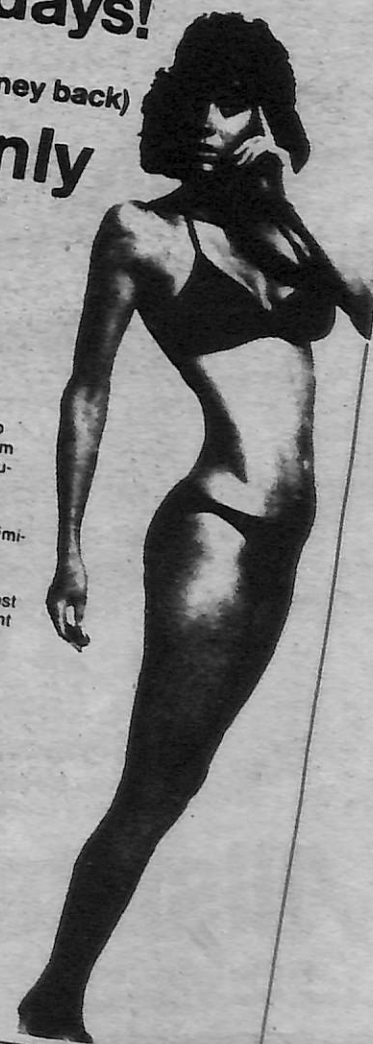
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Order Of The Eastern Star Sets Annual Christmas Fair

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The fair will feature handmade Christmas articles, homemade foods and candies, toys, attic treasures, knitted and crocheted articles, jewelry, etc.

Donuts and coffee will be served in the morning, and a luncheon will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., featuring clam chowder, corn chowder, sandwiches, and beverages.

The pot roast dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m., at a cost of \$6 for adults, and \$3 for children under 12. For reservations, call Florence Bozenhard, 568-8456, or Vivienne Irwin, 786-6902.

On the committee for the fair will be Vivienne Irwin, Worthy Matron, honorary chairwoman; Florence Bozenhard, chairwoman; assisted by Elsie Blanchard, Frances Morgan, Ruth Milsop, Patricia Young, Edith Osborne, Mildred Tukey, Marilyn Talbot, Esther Parker, Edythe Petschke, Betty Bowne, Clara McLean, Betty Robert, Barbara Wright, Anita Galanis, Ina Lyon, and Clarisse Scoville.

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Wednesday, November 9th, 16th, 30th,
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Rosary Altar Society To Host Sylvia Forastiere Nov. 8

The Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills will hold their meeting, Tuesday, November 8th. Guest speaker will be Sylvia Forastiere. Mrs. Forastiere, well-known for her culinary skills, will speak on her love of cooking.

She has won many awards, including the Springfield Newspaper Cooking Contest for eight years and the Steiger Company Apple Cooking Contest. She has authored "Buon Appetito" for the Italian Women's Club and is currently writing another cookbook. Mrs. Forastiere will be speaking at 8:00 p.m. All women of the parish are invited and they may bring guests.

Hostesses for the evening are Mary Amellin, Mary Ann Govoni, Mary Ann Jenks, and Nancy Doucette.

Agawam Garden Club Slates Installation Of Officers

Members of the Agawam Garden Club will hold their Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers on Tuesday, November 8th, at 6:30 p.m., at the Agawam Baptist Church. Reservations must be made in advance.

Following the banquet, the guest speaker will be Virginia Pritchard of the Springfield Garden Club. Mrs. Pritchard will show slides of her recent garden tour of Western Europe.

Final plans will also be made for the Nature/Christmas craft sale to be held on December 3rd at the Captain Charles Leonard House.

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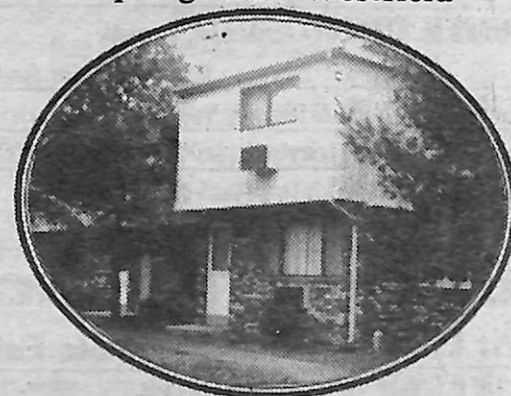
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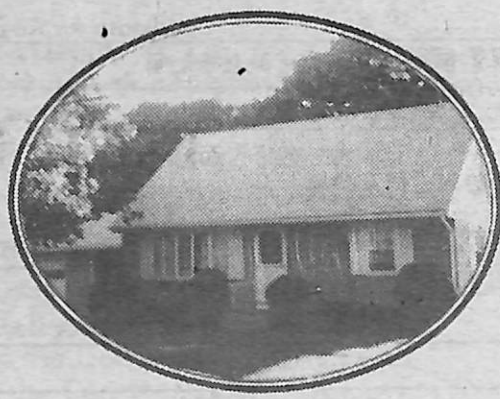
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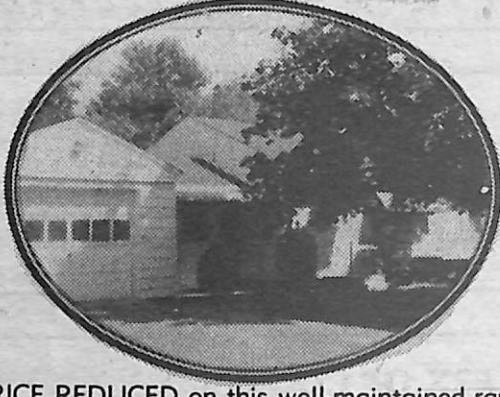
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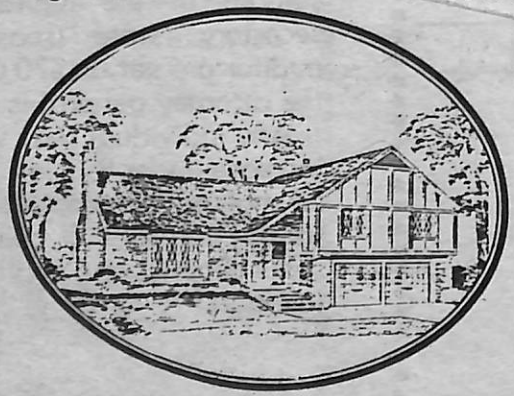
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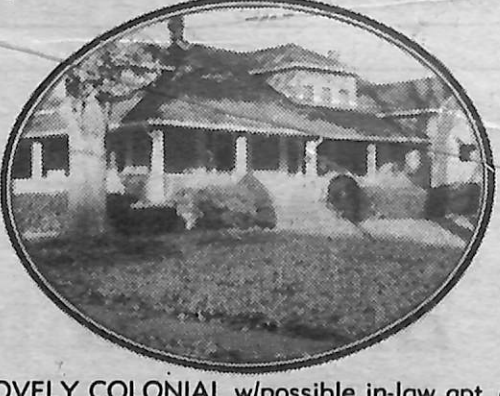
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Candidate for Re-Election			

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Vote For Not More Than TWO

THOMAS J. CONNOR	22 Oldwood Rd., Wilbraham	Democratic	
Candidate for Re-Election			

RICHARD S. THOMAS	535 Rogers Ave., West Springfield	Democratic	
Candidate for Re-Election			

QUESTION 1

Referendum Petition On
An Existing Law

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was approved by the House of Representatives on May 20, 1987, by a vote of 93 - 58, and approved by the Senate on May 20, 1987, by a vote of 31 - 8?

YES	
NO	

SUMMARY

The law provides a salary increase, effective January 7, 1987, for the members of the legislature and certain constitutional officers of the Commonwealth.

Beginning at a base salary of \$30,000, each member of the legislature will receive a salary increase under the law equal to the compounded percentage increase in the salaries of full time state employees who are subject to collective bargaining agreements between the Commonwealth and the ALLIANCE, AFSCME - SEIU, AFL - CIO in effect between January 5, 1983 and January 7, 1987. Thereafter the salaries of each member of the legislature will be increased by the same percentages as the salaries of full time state employees subject to the collective bargaining agreements.

The law further provides that members of the legislature holding leadership positions and committee chairmanships will receive an annual sum in addition to their salary. This additional amount will vary from \$7,500 to \$35,000 depending upon the particular position the member holds.

The law also increases the salaries of certain constitutional officers. Under the law the salary of the governor is set at \$85,000; the salaries of the lieutenant governor, state secretary, state treasurer and the state auditor are set at \$70,000; and the salary of the attorney general is set at \$75,000.

Any individual may waive his or her salary increase under this law. Any amount so waived shall not be deemed regular compensation for the purposes of computing any such person's benefits and shall be exempt from state taxation.

QUESTION 2

Law Proposed By Initiative

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was disapproved by the House of Representatives on May 20, 1988, by a vote of 24 - 10, and which no vote was taken by the Senate before May 4, 1988?

SUMMARY

The proposed law would require that the wages, in health and welfare plans, of employees employed in the construction industry be no less than the wages of employees in existing collective bargaining agreements and understandings, or by law, for the same kind of work. If approved by law, the Commissioner of Labor Industries would no longer be authorized to set the wages for such work or classify jobs.

The proposed law would authorize the Commissioner of Labor Industries to set the wages of contractors who move or remove fixtures for the state or a local district, and remove the authority to set the wages for vehicles and other equipment used in public works.

The proposed law would set for local government the state Department of Public Safety Metropolitan District Commission.

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QUESTION 2

Initiative Petition

Law summarized
approved by the
House on May 3,
1988, and on
May 123, and on
May 123 by the Senate

YES	
NO	

SUMMARY

Could repeal state law
including payments
for persons
of public works
paid locally under
agreements
by the municipality,
Under the propos-
er of Labor and In-
ter set wage rates for
bs.
Could also remove the
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rates of employees
office furniture and
county, city, town or
the Commissioner's
rates of operators of
equipment engaged in
Could not change the
laborers employed by
Public Works and the
Commission.

QUESTION 3

Law Proposed By Initiative Petition

Do you approve of a law summariz-
ed below, which was disapproved by
the House of Representatives on May 2,
1988, by a vote of 2 - 150, and disap-
proved by the Senate on May 3, 1988,
by a vote of 0 - 34?

YES	
NO	

SUMMARY

The proposed law would require the Com-
missioner of the Department of Food and
Agriculture to issue regulations to ensure that
farm animals are maintained in good health
and that cruel or inhuman practices are not
used in the raising, handling or transportation
of farm animals.

The Commissioner would issue regulations,
effective within four years after passage of
the proposed law, about the surgical pro-
cedures used on farm animals, the transporta-
tion and slaughter of farm animals, and the
diet and housing of these animals. The Direc-
tor of the Division of Animal Health could
issue exception permits for a period of time
up to one year and one half to any farmer.

Under the proposed measure, an unpaid
Scientific Advisory Board on Farm Animal
Welfare comprised of veterinarians and
animal scientists would also be established
within the Department of Food and
Agriculture. The Board would examine
animal agricultural practices, issue for
publication certain reports on farm practices,
and make non-binding recommendations to
the Commissioner about specific regulations.
If appropriated by the legislature, the Board
may allocate an annual sum of not more than
ten cents per Massachusetts citizen to assist
farmers in adopting methods which are con-
sistent with the purposes of this law.

The Director of the Division of Animal
Health would be responsible for enforcing
regulations issued as a result of this proposed
law. Persons who violate the new law would
be punished by a fine of up to \$1,000.

QUESTION 4

Law Proposed By Initiative Petition

Do you approve of a law summariz-
ed below, upon which no vote was
taken by the House of Representatives
or the Senate before May 4, 1988?

YES	
NO	

SUMMARY

The proposed law would provide that, after
July 4, 1989, there shall be no further genera-
tion of electric power by commercial nuclear
power plants in the Commonwealth by means
which result in the production of nuclear
waste.

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QUESTION 5

Shall the County Manager Plan be
adopted for Hampden County, with the
provision for a board of commissioners
of three members elected for non-
concurrent terms and elected at large?

YES	
NO	

SUMMARY

Acceptance of this statutory plan by a ma-
jority of the voters of Hampden County will
create a new form of county government
under which Hampden County will be govern-
ed by an elected three member Board of Com-
missioners and an appointed County
Manager.

Under this form of government, the County
Manager is appointed for an indefinite term
by a majority vote of the Commissioners. He
may be removed by a majority vote of the
Commissioners subject to due notice and a
public hearing. The Manager will serve as the
chief executive officer of the County at a
salary fixed by the Commissioners. His
authority will include the preparation of an-
nual operating and capital budgets for sub-
mission to the Commissioners, supervision of
the care and custody of all County property,
institutions and agencies, negotiation of con-
tracts, supervision of County administrative
departments, and through the County
Treasurer shall have oversight on the collec-
tion of revenues and expenditures of County
funds. The Manager shall have appointive
powers over generally all County departments
and may also appoint a Deputy County
Manager, but only if such position is created
by the Commissioners.

The Board of Commissioners are to be
elected at large from the registered voters of
the County for staggered three year terms.
The legislative powers of the County will be
vested in the Commissioners who will exer-
cise their powers by ordinance or resolution.
The authority of the Commissioners includes
appointment of the County Manager, a Clerk
to the Board and a County Counsel to head
the County's legal department. Approval
authority over all contracts presented by the
Manager and the annual operating and
capital budgets for the County is vested in the
Board of Commissioners.

QUESTION 6

This Question Is Not Binding

Do you approve that the laws be
amended to permit the abolishment of
Hampden county government;
thereby, allowing the commonwealth
to assume responsibility of jails, cour-
thouses and the registry of deeds?

YES	
NO	

QUESTION 7

Shall an act passed by the General
Court in the year nineteen hundred and
eighty-eight, entitled 'An Act pro-
viding for the election of a mayor in
the city known as the town of
Agawam', be accepted?

YES	
NO	

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Fall Home Show Now At Better Living Center

C'mon home to a warm hearth, a backyard pool, a shaded yard, a sunny kitchen at the Western New England Fall Home and Better Living Show beginning November 3rd.

The largest home improvement and home interior decorating show of its kind in Western New England, the first-ever fall home show features 220 exhibitors at the Eastern States Exposition grounds in West Springfield through November 6th.

Hundreds of different products and services will be available from exhibitors across the nation. And new products will be introduced for the first time in New England.

The show is tailor-made to those who plan to buy, build, restore or renovate a home. And it draws showgoers from southern Vermont, northern Connecticut and all over Western Massachusetts.

Among the highlights will be the home show's "Home Show Village" display—that will feature a complete model home, garages, and sheds and a landscaped park. A stroll through the "Home Show Village" neighborhood includes a glimpse of shrubs, 12 trees, six park benches and a three-bedroom ranch-style house—all under one roof at the Better Living Center.

Co-sponsors of the show, the Western Massachusetts chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI), will be on hand to solve problems and answer questions. At the NARI "Ask Me" information booth, builders, remodelers, and other NARI members will be able to answer questions, make referrals and suggestions throughout the entire four-day show.

To celebrate the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution, the home show will also feature a display of Early American flags and a replica of America's most historic document. What could be more appropriate in a Presidential election year?

Seminars on a variety of homeowners' concerns will be featured throughout the show including lead paint testing and removal, asbestos removal, and Radon gas detection and testing procedures.

Solar homes, log homes, custom homes, modular homes and innovative round homes will be some of the

domiciles featured this year. The Worcester-based Future Homes will feature their unique round home construction.

Facing the winter cold will be a little easier with a variety of firms and consultants available to solve chilly problems with furnaces, gas heaters, coal and wood stoves and hearth warmers.

For the first time in the United States, the Virginia-based New Alberene Stone Company will display its unique soapstone fireplaces and cook stoves, which have been used in Scandinavian countries for centuries. Combining traditional practicality with contemporary goodlooks, the soapstone stoves and fireplaces are ideal in rural and country homes. Used for cooking and heating, the New Alberene products are quarried in Virginia and individually installed in homes. Ranging in price from \$2,000 to \$8,000 in 29 different models, these unique soapstone stoves and fireplaces are the kind of accessory that makes a house a home.

Water problems, which plague many homes in Western Massachusetts, can be solved with a variety of water purification and filtration systems that will be on display at the show.

Booths will display stained glass doors and windows, aquariums, ceramic tile, grandfather clocks, skylights, innovative custom lamps and lighting, oriental rugs, slate roofs, spas and spiral staircases.

There will be homeruns to hit and homework to do and homemade and homespun ideas to get at the new Western New England Fall Home and Better Living Show.

Exhibitors in the home show will arrive from Virginia, Maine, Pennsylvania, New York, Georgia, Maryland, Connecticut, California, New Hampshire, Texas, New Jersey, and, of course, Massachusetts.

Hours will be 5:00 to 10:00 p.m., November 3rd; 1:00 to 10:00 p.m., November 4th; 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., November 5th; and 12:00 noon to 6:30 p.m., November 6th.

General admission is \$3 and discount coupons have been distributed throughout Western Massachusetts.

Children under 12 will be admitted free.

Senior citizens will also receive free admission on November 4th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

When you are looking for a good meal at reasonable prices, stop by at **ALEXANDER'S** in Feeding Hills.

West Side/Ag. Emblem Club Holds Installation Of Officers

On Sunday, October 23rd, Installation of Officers for the West Springfield-Agawam Emblem Club 526 was held at the Elk's Lodge on Morgan Road. These new officers will serve for the 1988-89 year. They were installed by Carolyn Randall of Wareham, Massachusetts, past supreme president of Emblem clubs. She was assisted by Vivian Bates also of Wareham as the marshal.

The officers of the local club include President E. Arlene McGavin; Vice President Jeanne Norton; Junior Past President Marge Turschman; Corresponding Secretary Kay Oscella; Recording Secretary Vivian Mofett; Financial Secretary Fran Carestia; Treasurer Agnes Hanna; Chaplain Darlene O'Connor; Trustees Marion Woodbury, Pearl Bennett, and Rita Follett; Marshals Sandra Ryan, Sue O'Connor, and Betty Glidden; Historian Mildred Johnson; Guard Madeline Kopeske; and Press Secretary Marie Curran.

Visiting dignitaries on the platform were Gloria Ely, state president; District Deputy of the Western District of Elks Thomas Reed of Pittsfield; and Joseph Jolicoeur, Loyal Knight of the West Springfield Agawam Lodge 1274.

Emblem Sisters from the following clubs were present for the ceremony—Winthrop 15, Greenfield 43, Worcester 51, Norwood 55, Wareham 99, Gardener 220, Hudson 227, Fitchburg 343, Tewksbury-Wilmington 381, and Lexington 385.

Emblem Clubs are found in the 50 states. They are dedicated to Americanism, charity, and community service. Any wife, daughter, sister, and granddaughter related to an Elk living or deceased is eligible to join. We welcome new members. Meetings are held monthly on the second Thursday at 7:00 p.m., at the Elk's Lodge on Morgan Road.

Pvt. Steven W. Hershowitz Completes Basic Training

Private Steven W. Hershowitz, son of Eileen P. & William Hershowitz of 64 Belvidere Avenue, Feeding Hills, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is a 1988 graduate of Agawam High School.

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News, Activities At Agawam Senior Center

FLU SHOTS:

The Agawam Health Department has scheduled an Influenza Clinic at the Senior Center, 57 Wright Street, Agawam, Tuesday, November 15th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Influenza vaccine will be administered free to persons 65 years or older or if you have chronic conditions such as heart disease, asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, chronic kidney disease, or diabetes.

CLASSES:

Prevent the "winter blues" by joining one of the 20 different classes offered at the Senior Center. Line Dancing, for instance, is a class you can really enjoy. The music is so good, you just can't help but tap your feet. We are lucky to have Walter Benoit for an instructor, because we happen to think he is the best! If you are a beginner, Walter has set aside the first half hour just for you. You don't need a partner for this one, just come and join the fun, or just come in and enjoy the music. Pick up a class schedule at the Activities Desk. Perhaps we have a class just for you.

TRIPS:

Eleven tickets are still available for the Bay Path Show "Can Can," scheduled for Thursday evening, November 10th. Donation is \$2.

MYSTERY TRIP:

West Side Rec. Dept. Offers Trip To Radio City Music Hall

The West Springfield Recreation Department is currently accepting registration for its Saturday, November 26th Family-A-Fare Trip to the Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall.

There will be fun time for shopping the famous department stores of midtown Manhattan. The lights, the decorations, and the aroma of roasting chestnuts is something that memories are made of.

Included are reserved seat tickets to Radio City Music Hall and the Christmas Spectacular.

Departure from West Springfield Municipal Office Building is scheduled for 7:00 a.m., with arrival back in West Springfield scheduled for 10:00 p.m.

The special per person price for this tour includes transportation and reserved tickets to Radio City is \$57.50 per person.

Reservations may be made either in person or by mail to the West Springfield Recreation Department, 26 Central Street, West Springfield, MA, 01089. Full payment must accompany all reservations.

LET'S TALK



REAL ESTATE

by Ralph Rachele



OVERSTEPPING BOUNDS

It often happens that a neighbor builds his new tool shed in the back corner of his lot, on his neighbor's property. This kind of error commonly happens when there are no clearly marked lot lines set out by a surveyor. In general, most neighbors quietly accept it as a small transgression. However, as time passes, local statutes may grant a legal right to the tool-shed owner to occupy that piece of his neighbors' property. This may become a source of contention when it comes time to sell the property. If the new owner does not like this type of encroachment upon the property, it may hinder its sale. Of course, the property owner can pre-empt any problems by entering into an agreement that the shed be moved upon sale of the property. In general, however, the longer it stays, the harder it is to move it.

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Thursday, December 8th, departure from the Senior Center at 10:00 a.m., and back by 6:00 p.m. The destination is a mystery. However, we can guarantee that you will have fun and more than enough to eat and the price is right, \$28.35 per person. Choice of menu is sliced sirloin of beef or breast of chicken/champagne sauce. Come join the fun. Reservations may be made at the Ticket Booth, Monday through Friday, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

SPECIAL PROGRAM "A SPECIAL TOUCH":

Ludlow Hospital, in cooperation with the American Cancer Society, is offering an outreach program for women about breast health. "A Special Touch" is a Cancer Society program designed to help understand why early detection of breast cancer is so important. The program facilitator is Lori Todd, RN, and American Cancer Society certified instructor. The presentation is approximately one hour long and consists of a film, demonstration of breast self exam, and educational material about mammography and breast health. The program is entirely free of charge and will be presented at the Agawam Senior Center, 57 Wright Street, Agawam, on Tuesday, December 13th, at 12:30 p.m. Please call for reservations, since space is limited, 786-0400, extension 242.

ALEXANDER'S has the perfect lunch for you, Monday - Friday. We have a large menu at prices you'll adore.

Important Dates At Agawam Senior Center

November 7th, Monday: 10:00 a.m. senior center participation in the "Turkey Walk" at Heritage Hall campus.

November 8th, Tuesday: Election Day transportation available to the polls.

November 9th, Wednesday: 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. "SHINE" representative Mr. Drumm.

November 10th, Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Bay Path "CAN CAN" donation \$2.00.

November 11th, Friday: Senior Center closed for Veterans Day.

November 14th, Monday: 10:00 a.m. "55 ALIVE" class part one. Refresher driving course.

November 15th, Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. Blood Pressure, M-Z.

November 15th, Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. "55 ALIVE" class part two. Refresher driving course.

November 15, Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. services of "SHINE" by appointment.

November 17th, Thursday: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. commodities distribution.

November 17th, Thursday: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. foot nurses by appointment.

November 18th, Friday: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. annual bazaar.

November 19th, Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. annual bazaar.

November 22nd, Tuesday: Special Thanksgiving Day Menu, reservations open one week before.

November 22nd, Tuesday: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. legal consultation with Attorney Teryl Jansons.

November 24th, Thursday: Thanksgiving Day, senior center closed.

Bingo every Saturday night at 6:30.
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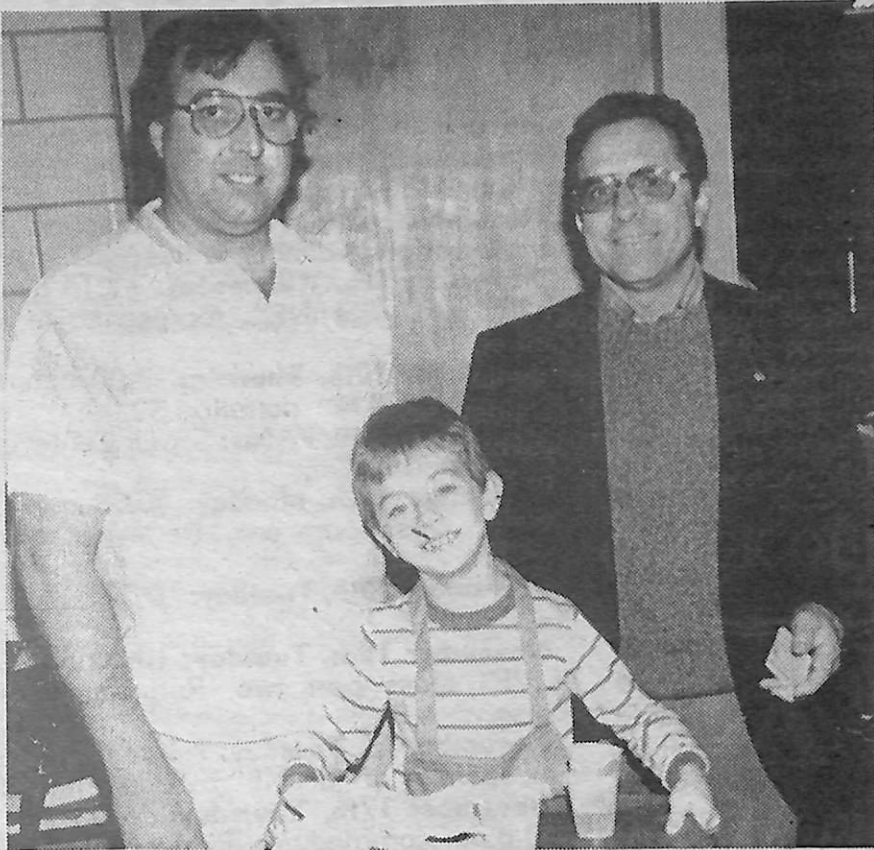
Now through December 31st, your friends at Agawam Opticians are offering all Agawam Senior Citizens an additional 5% off on our already low 10% discount prices on eyewear - that's 15% OFF! We thought that during the holiday season, this extra savings would help!

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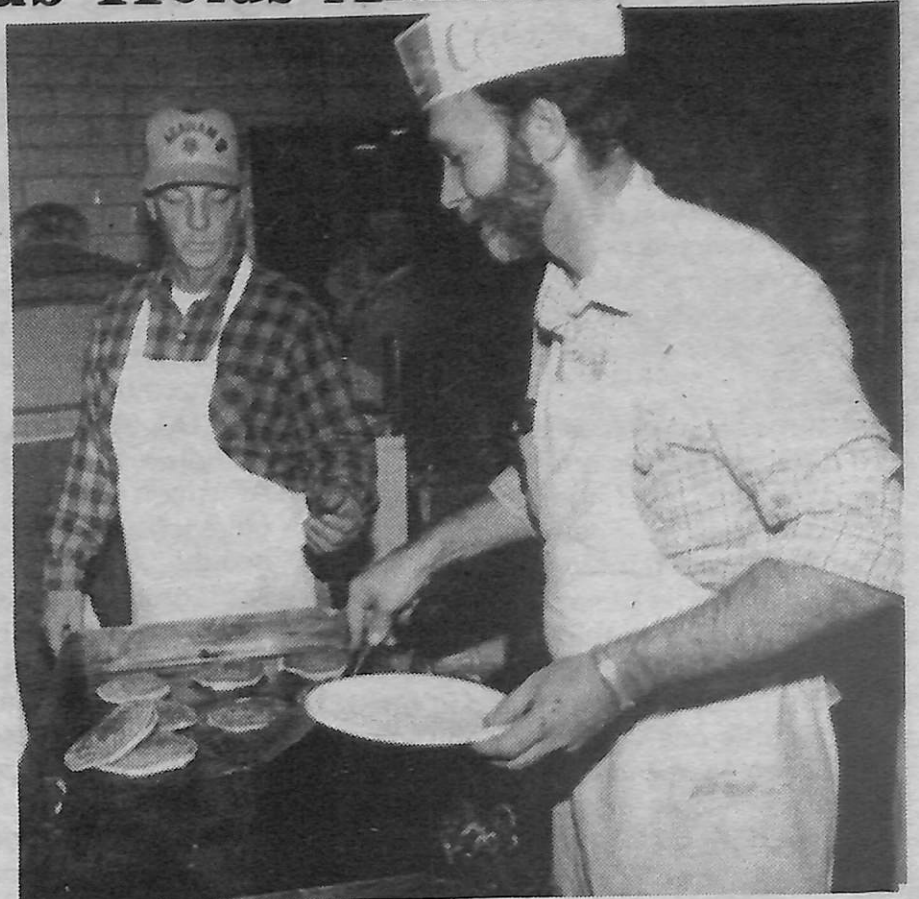
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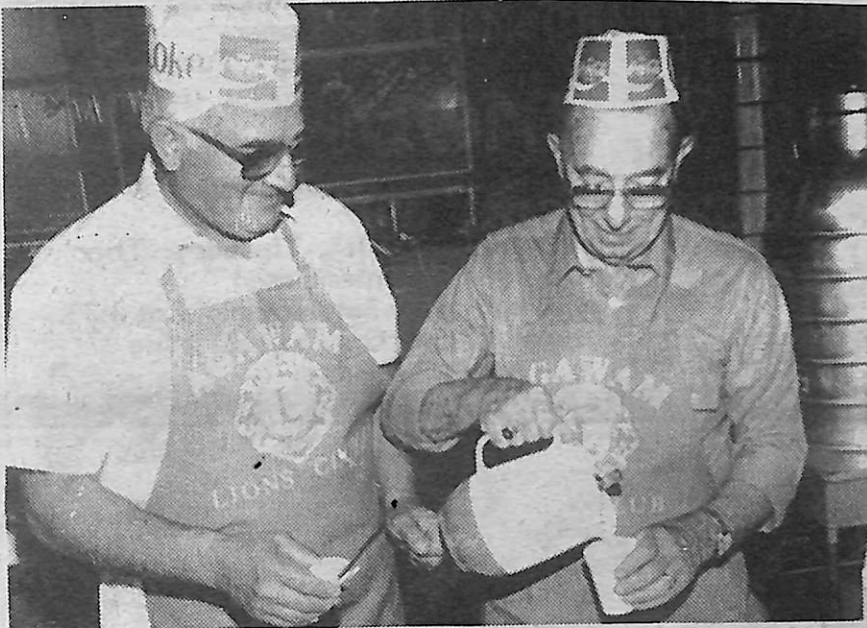


LIONS CLUB MEMBER FRANK DISCO (left) served as chairman of the Annual Pancake Breakfast. Bobby Burns (center) is bringing up his tray while Lions President Tom Cascio, Jr., looks on.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LIONS CLUB MEMBERS Ed Judkins and Dave Girotti were busy making pancakes all morning long to keep-up with the huge crowd. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JAMES VOTZAKIS and JOE FERRARI served the hot coffee at the Agawam Lions Club Pancake Breakfast. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DIANE SIMPSON and CATHY O'KEEFE, were responsible for the bake sale table set-up by the Agawam Lioness Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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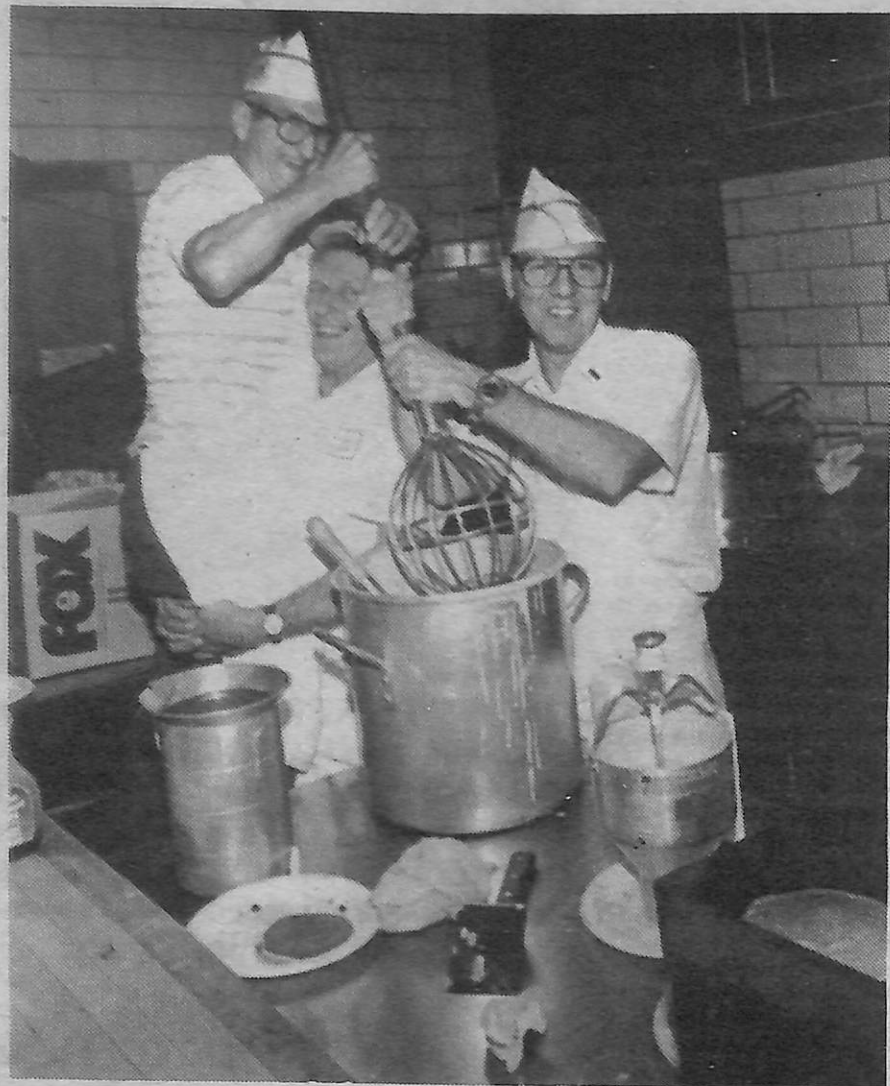
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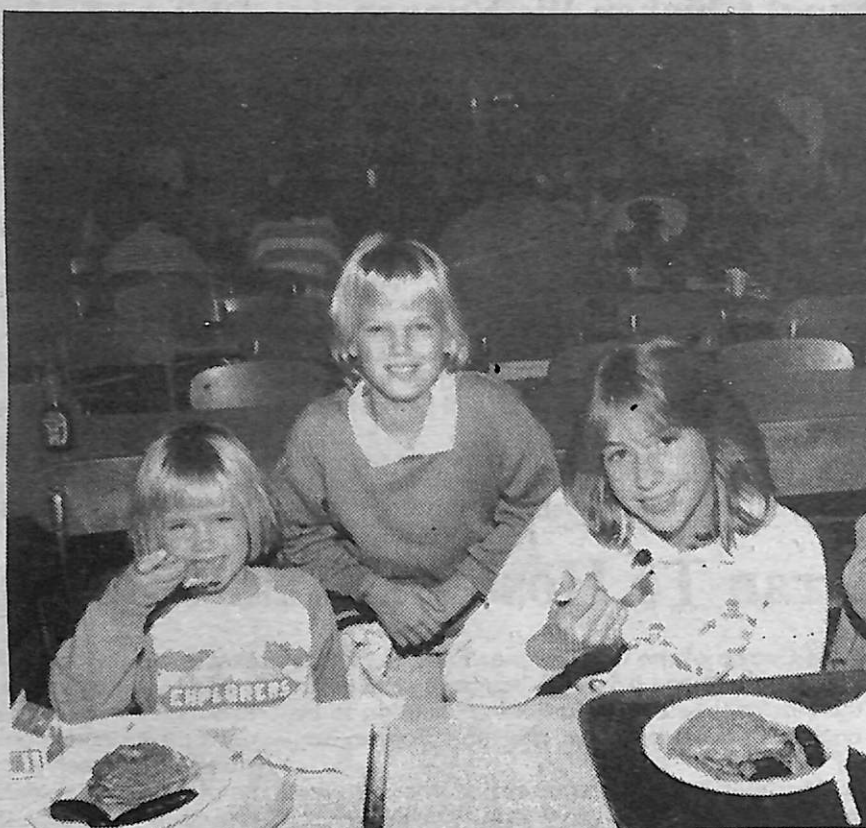
A LITTLE FUN IN THE KITCHEN between Lions Club members Mike Alvaro (left), Paul Fieldstad, and Matt "Lumpy" Blackak. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



HEY - THESE TRAYS ARE HEAVY. Kristin and Andrea Palpini look for seats before enjoying their Agawam Lions Club breakfast. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE BOYERS, Nicole and Brian, agree that the Agawam Lions Club can sure cook good pancakes and sausage. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JENNIFER and KRISTINE MODZELESKY tell Jamie Lewis to hurry up before all the delicious pancakes run out. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Open Pantry Seeking Food For Needy

For many area residents, thoughts of purchasing fast-food or shopping in a supermarket aren't realistic. Simply put—they can't afford to eat. That's where the West Springfield Open Pantry comes in.

"People helping people" is what the Open Pantry does best, said David Griffin, chairman of a \$50,000 capital improvement drive to benefit the West Springfield Open Pantry.

A committee of concerned citizens and business leaders have been working diligently for the past month organizing the fund drive that will kick off on November 6th with an open house from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., at the Open Pantry's new headquarters at 1023 Main Street. The fund drive continues until November 23rd. Funds raised will be used to make improvements on its new home, as well as \$12,000 to defray the cost of the mortgage.

"November is the month when our thoughts turn to the thankfulness we feel for what we have in our lives, in our family, and in our community," said Griffin.

The committee intends to follow every avenue of support in the community from businesses, professionals, civic organizations, churches, and individuals, said Griffin.

"It is a fitting month for the people of West Springfield and surrounding communities to share that good fortune with families and individuals in our area who are experiencing bad times," added Griffin.

The campaign will culminate with the traditional annual Thanksgiving dinner at the Mittineague United Methodist Church, said Phyllis Austin, co-chairwoman

of the fund drive.

The Open Pantry provides services to the homeless in town, as well as in Westfield, Southwick, and Agawam.

The pantry provides free hot meals on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and distributes clothing, food, and furniture "to those that really need it," said Diana Theobald, director.

This past spring the Open Pantry secured a grant through the efforts of Joe LaPlant, director of the Community and Development Office and the Board of Selectmen for \$90,000.

"The dream became a reality when the home at 1023 Main Street was purchased," said Mrs. Austin.

Plans to expand services and assistance, including support group meetings to address issues on parenting, nutrition, and tenant rights, and a volunteer nurse to assist with the health care needs of the homeless, are underway.

Area organizations, businesses or individuals interested in making a donation to this fundraising effort, either volunteering their time and talents or making a monetary contribution, can contact Ms. Theobald, 734-7969.

Persons wishing to chart the progress of the fund drive can check the thermometer that rests on the Open Pantry porch.



OPEN PANTRY Director Diane Theobald and Phyllis Austin, co-chairwoman of a fund drive to raise \$50,000 for the Open Pantry, are seen in the kitchen of the new building. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve meals at the Open Pantry.

F.H. Congregational Sets Annual Chicken Pie Supper

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church will serve their Annual Chicken Pie Supper at the church on North Westfield Street, Saturday, November 12th, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Perry McCobb and Mrs. Kenneth Burton, co-chairwomen of the supper, have announced the following menu: Chicken pie, whipped potato, butternut squash, green beans almondine, cranberry sauce, beet relish, rolls, beverage, apple and squash pies.

Tickets for adults are \$6, and for children under eight, \$2.50. Reservations may be made with Mrs. Earl Bradley, 786-1409, or Mrs. Richard M. Taylor, 786-1935. Mrs. Edward Burgmaster will be hostess in the dining room.

In connection with the supper, Mrs. George Kopy will be in charge of the bazaar featuring home baked goods, plants, books, and novelty items.

W.S. First Congo. Church Slates Annual Christmas Fair

First Congregational Church, Park & Lathrop Streets, West Springfield, will be holding their Annual Christmas Fair on Friday, November 11th, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturday, November 12th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Items available include preserves, pickles, boutique items, attic treasures, home-baked pies and goodies, knitted sweaters, vests, mittens, Christmas ornaments, and homemade candies.

A children's room will be provided where youngsters can purchase gifts at a minimum cost.

A snack bar will feature clam chowder, sandwiches, and pies.

On Saturday, November 12th, a Seafood Newburg Luncheon will be served. Reservations may be made by calling the church office, 739-6608.

Curran To Host National Morticians Meeting

Richard Curran of the Curran-Jones Funeral Homes of West Springfield and Agawam, has been selected to host the National Selected Morticians' meeting to be held on November 3rd, at the Sheraton Tara in Springfield.

Over 66 funeral homes representing the six New England state region, known as Group 1, have been invited to attend the conference. The conference will be held in a roundtable format and will be proctored by Dean Hanson of the Walbridge Funeral Home in Bennington, Vermont. Hanson was recently elected secretary to the NSM and is a board member of Group 1. Chairing the meeting will be Andrew Snyder, staff

executive for the NSM in Evanston, Illinois.

NSM membership is by invitation only and is limited to outstanding, privately-owned establishments. Invitations are extended only after a thorough evaluation of standards of service, facilities, and a history of exemplary performance in developing an excellent reputation for responsible funeral service.

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Heritage Hall Campus News & Activities...

"Good Times Band Concert"

All of the residents of East Building had a chance to enjoy the "Good Time Band." They are from Springfield Community College. The eight members of the band were James Curran, who played the violin and led the songs and Michael Van Dyke who played the guitar and was the songster. The other members of the band included James Meehan, string bass, William Glenny, clarinet and tenor saxophone, William Olmstead, William Porth, trombone, John Hager, drums, and Elmer Hoefener, piano and coordinator.

Some of the songs performed were "Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue," "I'm Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover," "My Wild Irish Rose," and the closing song, "Toot Toot Tootsie, Goodbye." They are a very special group of musicians. We are grateful that they are so willing to share their joy and talents with us. We hope that they will consider returning to Heritage Hall soon.

New Employee Recognition Receptions

We all know what it is like to be a new employee, trying to do your best and always looking for that word of praise or encouragement. The administrators of Heritage Hall are all aware of this and have tried to do something about it.

Once a month, a new employee recognition reception is held, hosted by Pastoral Care Person, Vera Conway. All new employees are invited to attend and meet the staff and the department heads.

Refreshments are served by the dietary department. We encourage a new employee to come meet the rest of our staff and talk about themselves. This approach makes a more relaxed atmosphere and is our way of saying, "We are glad to have you!"

Mrs. Conway is also available for any employee on campus who would like to meet with her.

A Tradition Revived

The Agawam Baptist congregation are the proud owners of a beautiful set of hand bells made and imported from Holland.

When the bells were first acquired, the youths of the congregation rang them, but over the years, their attention varied on other activities and the bells were put into storage. Although the bells were silent, members of the congregation remembered their lovely tones.

As they say the years sped by and now the time was right. Everett Hodge took up the banner and stirred interest in the senior population of the Baptist congregation.

After two years under the direction of Everett Hodge and Mary Ferrari, the senior "Bell Ringers" entertained



ENJOYING THE ROSARY TEA at Heritage Hall Nursing Home are **Magdalen Fleming (resident), Agnes Brunton (resident), and Rose Duquette (volunteer).** The Annual Tea is held every October. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

members of the community, lifting the spirits of everyone who has the opportunity of listening to them. The melodious tones of the bells are delightful to hear.

Congratulations to the Baptist Bell Ringers on their success.

Rosary Ladies Tea

In 1968 Heritage Hall Rosary Devotions were founded. For the past 20 years, women of the Agawam Rosary Societies have maintained their service to the residents of Heritage Hall. In October an annual tea was held to offer thank you's and give everyone a chance to socialize.

This year's theme was "You Light Up Our Lives," to celebrate this milestone of service. Residents Mary

Schoolcraft and Lena DiPinto assisted in a candle lighting ceremony to the background music of Vera Conway of Pastoral Care.

Gifts and roses were presented to the ladies by Activity Directors Frances Cantin. Names of those honored at the tea were **Alice Pietronira, Edith Donovan, Beverly Protzenko, Agnes DeLucchi, Ernestine Book, Louise Broggi, Josephine Montagna, Lee Dion, Dolores Moiasa, Millie Parisian, Ann LaPlante, Mary Koob, Odelle Benjamin, Barbara Rivers, Mariann Therrier, and Rose Duquette.**

The residents and staff of Heritage Hall would like to extend a thank-you to everyone in the group who has participated in the program through the years.



HERITAGE HALL RESIDENT EVELYN SETTERSTROM and FLORENCE Vyska make hats for Halloween. Both are East Building residents. Advertiser News

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CHRIST IN OUR HOMES

The church of Christ is pleased to announce that Dr. Harold Baker will be our featured speaker for a special services of Bible lessons.

Dr. Baker is well qualified to speak from the Bible, having served as an evangelist in several churches of Christ in the US and two foreign countries. He has taught Bible and speech communication at David

Lipscomb University in Nashville, TN for twenty years, and taught Radio and Television at Middle Tennessee State University for twelve years. He built a major radio station at MTSU.

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Local Historians

Additional News About The U.S.S. Agawam II Comes From Magazine

Thanks to Herb Marsh (USN), retired, we were notified of the November 1988 publication of "Sea Classics" magazine that had just a week ago reached the local newsstands. We were off in a flash to purchase a copy of this month's edition, since it contained an article devoted to the ship in question: **U.S.S. Agawam!**

Herb Marsh was correct—we were pleased with the article: "Always On The Go, The USS Agawam (AOG-6)," by former crewmember Ray Garrison.

Although we had completed what we thought might be the last in a series of stories dedicated to the history of the ships **Agawam (I and II)**, we were soon to learn that perhaps there is never a true conclusion to such tales and revelations.

Certainly, such seemed to be the case with the history of the **Agawam II**, despite the fact *The AAN* had run a rather lengthy series of our stories concerning the two so-named naval vessels.

Even Now, There Is Much To Learn

With the publication of Garrison's article, it can be truly stated that **Agawam** was properly recognized in the nationally published magazine. What is of greater importance is the fact that we were to compile still further information regarding the exploits and possible final disposition of the **Agawam II**. Until now such facts had been questionable.

There is much pride in the title of Garrison's article entitled "Always On The Go, The USS Agawam (AOG-6)," in that the ship in question seems exemplary of a number of these naval supply vessels that saw considerable active service during the World War II. And there is great reason for our town and village to partake of the glory this ship exemplifies!

In the opening paragraph of his article, Ray Garrison begins by stating that the USS Agawam (II) was "Always On The Go," a phrase that was to become symbolic of these service ships during the war years. Garrison's statement is most specific when he says, "The record compiled by USS Agawam (AOG-6) would seem to substantiate the interpretation." Indeed, her service record is most commendable!

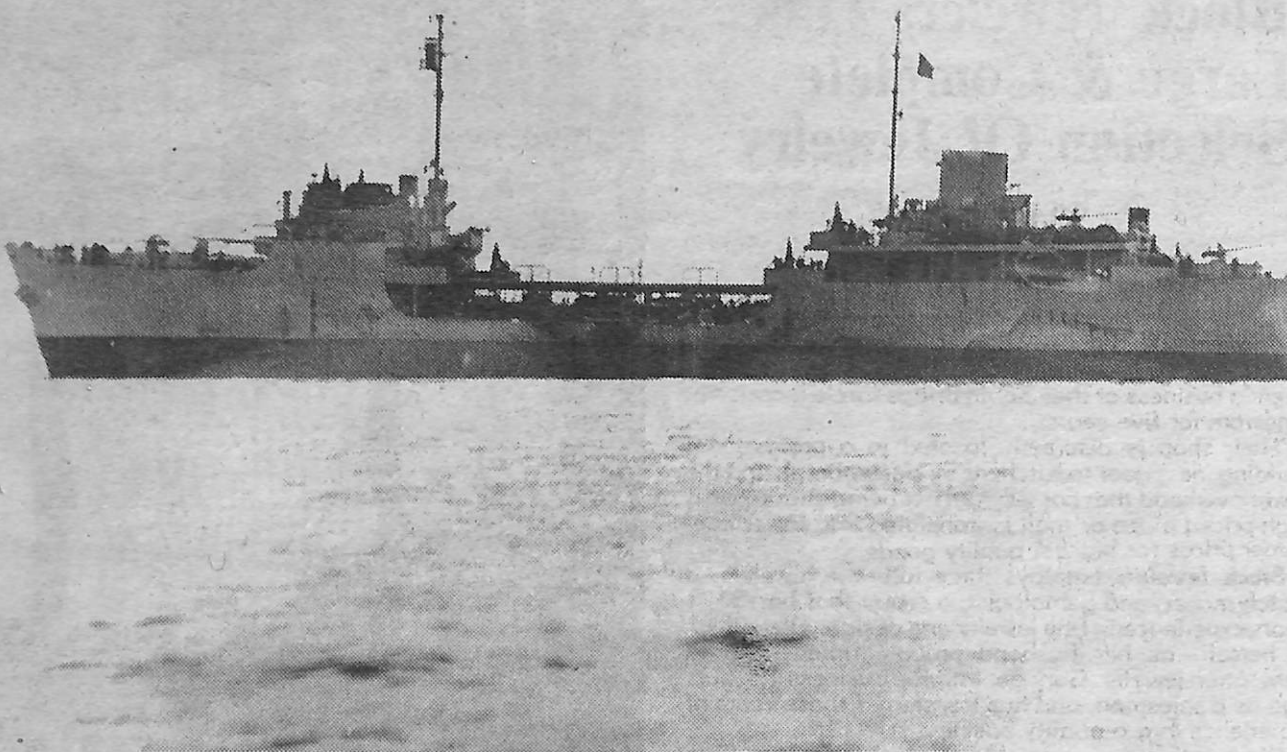
A Record Second To None

There was much data to be learned and compiled for local purposes regarding this great ship. And even now as we add further information to our files, we must assume there is yet so much more to realize.

The **USS Agawam II** had seen considerable active service during the war has already been printed in the earlier articles. However, this more recent publication by Garrison reveals that the ship had seen service in the South Pacific while under fire.

Of greater significance is the fact that the **Agawam** was finally recognized by the Navy Department with a noteworthy commendation, having earned the "Navy Occupation Service Medal-Asiatic Service for the periods June 27-30, 1947."

Garrison further relates that the ship's greatest moment of trial was during August 1945 while she was one of a convoy of ships headed for Tokyo. At this time



THE U.S.S. AGAWAM II on patrol during World War II.

the **Agawam** had been diverted 400 miles to avoid a typhoon, which she was eventually to experience by sailing directly into the very center of the storm.

Now for those readers who might wonder that such an experience seems comparable to those of a combat theater under fire, just imagine being on the high seas aboard ship laden with ignitable fuel oil during the worst of sea tempests? Ask any sailor who has lived through such an ordeal and he will readily attest to his anxieties!

Fortunately for the ship and her 124 crewmembers, the **USS Agawam** reached the safety of port, having weathered the storm and at last reaching the seclusion of Tokyo Bay. It goes without saying the ship was seaworthy and her sailors were most capable.

The Question Remains

In his article, Garrison states that the Navy AOG's were partly or totally disarmed following the war, with some of the vessels being eventually sold to other naval interests. Even now we cannot say with certainty that the **USS Agawam (AOG-6)** was among that number sold to foreign service, or if it was salvaged or relegated to the moth-ball fleet. In any event she was finally decommissioned, and according to Garrison, none of these naval tankers are presently listed among the U.S. Navy active files.

Magazine A Collectible Item

Without doubt this particular edition of "Sea Classics" will be sought after by some few of our readers, especially so since it does include an article most relative to our town and village. Certainly, the story is accompanied by several photographs showing the full complement of the officers and crew members, while still another picture shows the vessel decorated with camouflage.

As to where one might purchase the magazine, we would suggest any local newsstand where a wide variety of such magazines are on the racks. The purchasing price is \$3.95...not bad for today's prices. But we strongly urge that you obtain your purchase now as a week has gone by since the magazine reached the stands.

Should you not be able to acquire this magazine at a local store, we suggest that you write directly to the following address: **Challenge Publications, Inc., 7950 Deering Avenue, Canoga Park, California, 91304.**

This particular copy of "Sea Classics": Volume 21, Number 11, November, 1988.

P.S. To complete the file: A phone call confirmed the **AOG Agawam** was finally sold for scrap in 1967 and is no longer in existence.

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by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

"We have the largest and most complete jewelry selection in Western Massachusetts."

Those words from Gary Block tell the story. Gary and his wife, Ellen, proprietors of **Block Jewelers, Inc.**, have been in business at their South Bridge Circle location in Agawam for five years.

Their shop is discreetly located in a professional building (next door to Kitchens by Herzenberg), and the lower overhead that comes from not being situated in a high-priced plaza or mall is translated into lower consumer prices for highest quality goods.

Block Jewelers employs three full-time jewelers, a watch maker, and gemologist, a group that has 50 years experience in fine jewelry and design. Ellen Block is herself—as her husband proudly notes—a third generation jeweler. Gary got into the business 17 years ago as a salesman, and has transferred those years of experience into a quality business.

Diamonds are a specialty at **Block Jewelers**. "We can save buyers a lot of money," Ellen notes. "We have layaways with no finance charges—just 25 percent down. And we accept Visa and MasterCard."

Ellen adds that deposits for customized jewelry work are somewhat higher.

Block Jewelers does all work on site, and the work area is plainly visible beyond the display cases of pearls, gold, and silver pendants, earrings and bangles, and of course, rings.

In fact, the Blocks were commissioned to make custom parts for a gift for Pope John Paul's Los Angeles visit, though they were never given the opportunity to view the finished product. "Someone who knew our work contacted us to make the parts. And we did."

In fact, an estimated 60 to 70 percent of the Block's merchandise is fabricated on site.



THE STAFF OF BLOCK JEWELERS - from left - Gary Block (owner), Ellen Block (manager), Jeff LaFountain (gemologist), Manny Pineiro (jeweler), Vadim Finkel (watch maker), and John Coutu (jeweler). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"We certainly don't have what everyone else has," they say.

And in viewing the unusual and attractive items on display, one can only imagine the beauty of a custom piece of fine jewelry at the hands of these craftsmen.

"Our best advertisement is word of mouth," they maintain.

Block Jewelers is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

After Thanksgiving, they will extend their holiday shopping hours on Thursday until 8:00 p.m., and Saturdays until 5:00 p.m.

They can be contacted by phone at 789-2940.



BLOCK JEWELERS staff members John Coutu and Manny Pineiro are hard at work.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JEFF LAFOUNTAIN serves as the professional gemologist at Block Jewelers, located at the South End Bridge Circle. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



VADIM FINKEL is the professional watch maker at Block Jewelers, Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Feeding Hills Florist Opens Fabulous Christmas Shoppe



PAT COLE, owner and operator of Feeding Hills Florist, Crossroad Shoppes, Feeding Hills Center, officially opened her magnificent Christmas Shoppe last Saturday. Stop by - you will be totally filled with the holiday spirit. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

For 28 years the **Buxton Credit Union** has served the Town of Agawam with friendly and highly-personalized banking services. That's not about to change.

"You are not just a depositor here," says Manager-Treasurer Marilyn Dumas. "You are a member of the bank."

Mrs. Dumas and two employees staff the congenial **Buxton Credit Union's** offices, located at 1359 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills Center.

Doing business with **Buxton Credit Union** is a far simpler process than with other, larger banking institutions, says Mrs. Dumas.

Accounts can remain open with as little as \$1 on deposit and there's no monthly service charge for maintaining a savings account with less than a minimum balance. There is no minimum balance. Many accounts are opened with a \$25 deposit.

"We try to give our customers what they want - what they need," says Mrs. Dumas. "If that need is \$300, we don't tell our customers that they need to take out a \$1,000 loan because \$300 just doesn't meet a minimum loan requirement."

In recent months, **Buxton Credit Union** has expanded its services to the realm of direct deposits and loan payments. Currently, **Buxton Credit Union** accepts direct deposits from six area businesses and the U.S. Navy, as well as payroll deductions from two other companies.

"By making direct deposit available here," Mrs. Dumas states, "we are offering our services to any employee working in a company in Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin, and Berkshire Counties."

Mrs. Dumas says that because **Buxton Credit Union** is small, it offers full personalized service. If **Buxton Credit Union** does not offer a financial service needed by one of its customers, it will refer that individual to other financial institutions in the area who can accommodate that need.

One priority established by the **Buxton Credit Union's** directors and staff is an increase in community activity. It welcomes suggestions regarding community service, not just in terms of finance but of time and expertise.

The **Buxton Credit Union** is open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, with extended hours on Thursday until 6:00 p.m. Saturday hours are 9:00 a.m. until noontime.

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EMPLOYEES OF THE BUXTON CREDIT UNION include Mary Morassi (left) and Debra Veino; and at right, Manager/Treasurer Marilyn Dumas. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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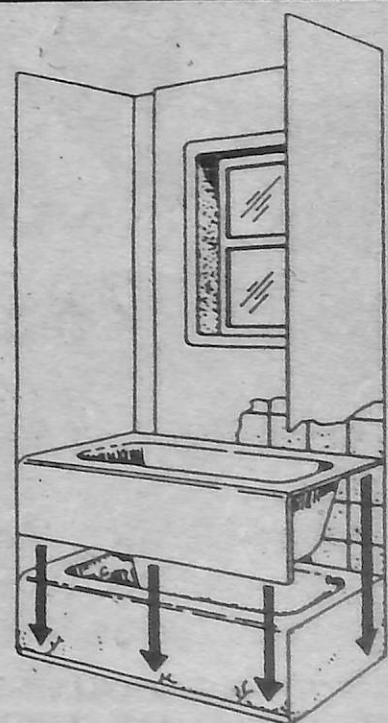
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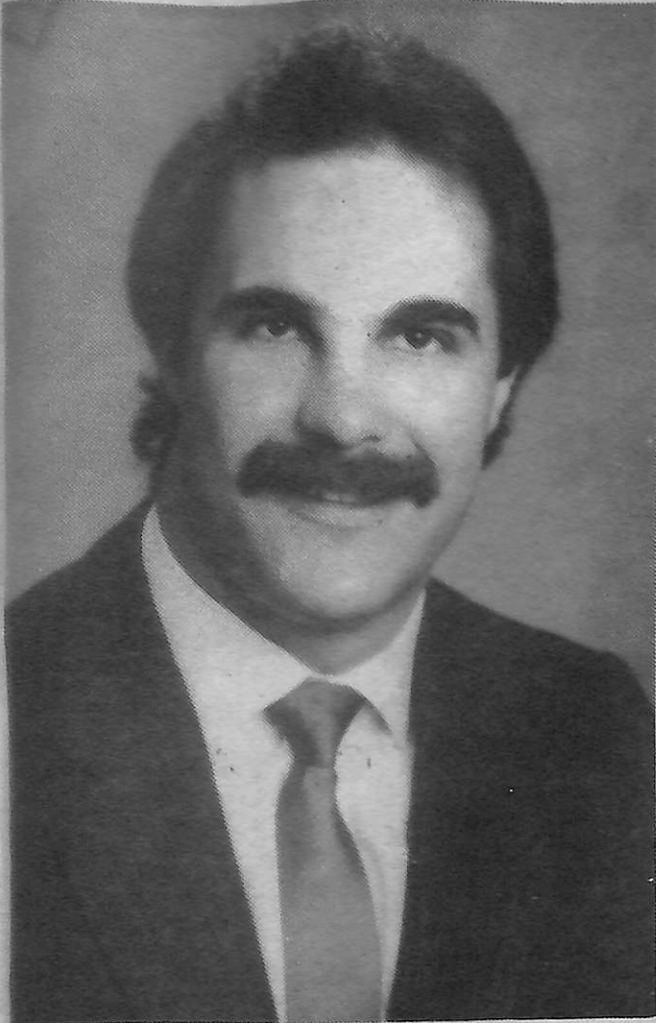
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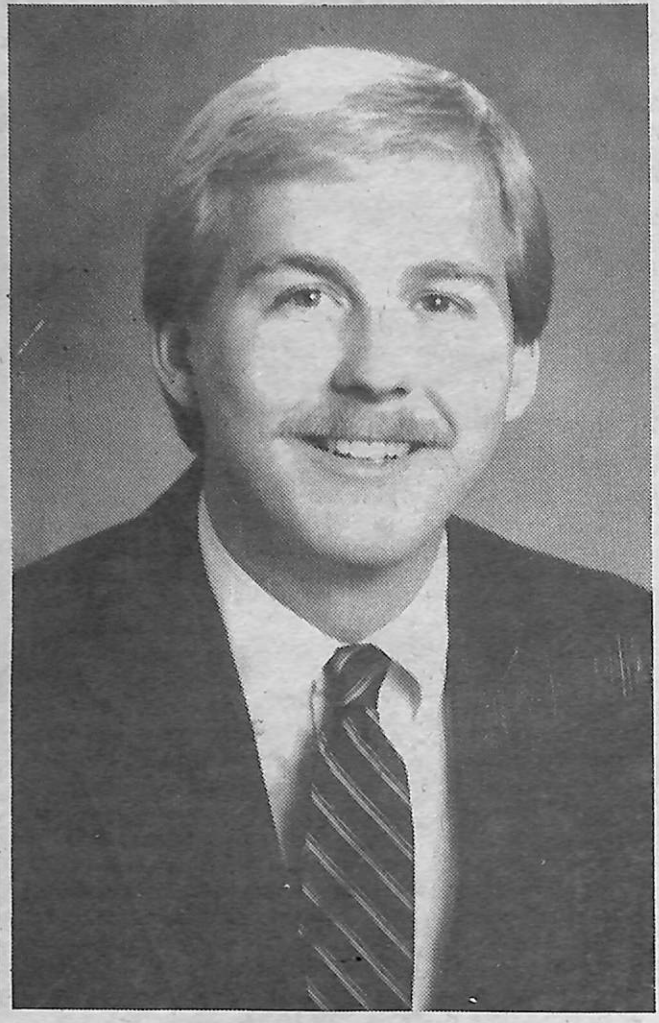
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Mrs. Jalbert joined Westbank in 1973 after graduating from Endicott College. She was named Consumer Loan Officer in 1983 and assistant vice president in 1987.

Hanchett held the position of senior credit analyst before his promotion to commercial loan officer in 1986. He is a graduate of Western New England College and has done some graduate work at the University of New Hampshire.

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Smith joined the bank as a commercial loan analyst and served as a mortgage officer prior to his promotion to commercial loan officer. He received his bachelor of science in Finance from the University of Maine, and is currently working towards his master's degree in Business at Western New England College.

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50th Class Reunion For AHS Class Of 1938



THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1938 held its 50th reunion at The Oaks on Suffield Street last Saturday night. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CLASS OF 1938 members who traveled the longest distance to attend last Saturday night's 50th class reunion. From left - Douglas Bailey, Vermont; Shirley Abell Repp, Pennsylvania; Jean Brown Putney, Reading (MA); Rita Mosley Grove, Ohio; Sister Austin Marie Donnellan, Tampa, Florida; and Tom Cummins, Pennsylvania. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Class Of 1938 Holds 50th Class Reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1938 held its 50th reunion at The Oaks, Suffield Street, Agawam, Saturday, October 29th.

A total of 70 people attended, which included 40 class members and 30 guests.

Members came from Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and distant points in Massachusetts.

Honored guests were Marjorie Ward, history teacher; and George Reynolds, math teacher.

Committee members were Jeanette Levesque, Alfred Gallerani, and Ronald Rusby.

Except for 1943, when most of the men were in the armed forces, this class has held a reunion every five years since graduation.

With 87 members, this was the largest class to be graduated from Agawam High up to 1938.

In the past 50 years, 20 classmates have died. The first was Joseph Brady, who was killed in World War II. Brady Village is named for him.

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REUNION COMMITTEE MEMBERS for the Agawam High Class of 1938 included, from left - Alfred Gallerani, Jeanette Levesque, and Ronald Rusby. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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DEAR S.T.A.R.T.:

I tend to get cramping in the back of my thighs when I do leg curl exercises. Why don't I get cramping in the front of my thighs when I do leg lifts? What's the difference between these muscles?

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DEAR AGGRAVATED:

The muscles in the front of the thighs are called "quadriceps." They are made up of four large muscles, hence the term "quads." Its function is one of power for enabling the body to stand, climb, and walk.

The muscles in the back of the thigh are called "hamstrings." These are also comprised of four muscles but have long tendons and less muscle tissue. As a result, the hamstrings are weaker because of the smaller amount of muscle tissue. Its function is also different than the quads. It is often exercised improperly because of this confusion.

The hamstrings are actually the braking system of the quads. Imagine that the quads are contracting, straightening the knee in order to kick a soccer ball. The quads create a force that would kick the ball 150 feet but something would be needed to stop the forward motion at the knee. Otherwise, the knee would bend backwards and serious knee damage would occur. Here is where the hamstrings apply the brakes to slow down the forward swing of the foot.

There is an exquisite relationship of strength between these two muscle groups. The quads should be 25 to 30 percent stronger than the hamstrings. There is only a few exceptions to this rule - it is usually reserved for competing athletes such as gymnasts. These few work on equalizing the strength for the particular floor and balance activities in competition.

However, for us regulars, the rule of thumb is if you are able to lift 100 pounds with the quads, then the hamstrings should be able to handle 70 pounds.

Finally, if you are exercising the hamstrings, it is important to not lift the entire weight with just one leg. Instead, do leg curls by lifting the weight with both legs and lowering it with only one. This is called an eccentric contraction which is the best type of contraction for the hamstrings.

You will notice a big difference in the cramping sensation when doing your leg curls and an improvement in other sporting activities. So get ready for ski season and shake a leg. Send questions to S.T.A.R.T., 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, or call 786-8908.

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Professional cleanings twice a year are recommended to keep plaque and tartar under control. More frequent cleanings are needed by those who don't brush or floss daily or who form deposits rapidly.

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Center For Women's Health To Sponsor Family Planning Series At Providence Hosp.

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital is pleased to announce its next series of classes in Natural Family Planning (NFP). The series is scheduled to begin November 3rd. Each couple attending the program receives over twelve hours of instruction, both on a group and individual level. NFP instructors are fully trained and certified.

Natural Family Planning is a method of fertility which teaches women to recognize physical changes which occur as they enter and leave the "fertile" phase of each menstrual cycle. A couple can use this information to help them avoid or achieve a pregnancy. NFP is both highly effective and thoroughly safe and free of side effects. The method appeals to a wide variety of couples including those who are concerned about the side effects associated with other methods. Feminist women may choose NFP because it's one of the only birth control methods available that calls for an equal sharing of responsibility between men and women. Natural Family Planning is a great alternative for Catholic men and women as well because it offers them a morally acceptable method that is extremely effective.

The NFP program at Providence Hospital has been in operation for over twelve years. It's an excellent program which has received both regional and national recognition for its work in the field. While often confused with the Rhythm method, NFP and Rhythm are very different methods. Modern, natural family planning methods are considerably more precise, accurate, and effective than the old calendar approach.

NFP staff members include James Fitzpatrick, M.D., Anthony Arwienowski, Ph.D., and certified instructors Mary Elkas and Isabel Castro of Westfield; Holly Goudreau of Granby, Paul and MaryAnn Miller from Orange, and Elaine and Guy Baillargeon of Indian Orchard.

The program is funded through the hospital and the Catholic Stewardship. Pre-registration is required for the program. Call by Tuesday, November 1st, if you'd like to register. Call at 539-2955 to register or for additional information.

Ostomy Support Group Continues Monthly Meetings

The Ostomy Support Group at Providence Hospital, an extension of the Ostomy Association of Greater Springfield (OAGS), will continue monthly meetings on Wednesday, November 2nd, 1988, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the hospital cafeteria, according to Carolyn Girard, R.N., ostomy nurse.

According to Ms. Girard, the support group is being formed for ostomates, their families, friends and other interested persons. "The ostomate need not be a patient of Providence Hospital nor need they be a new ostomate to attend," she said.

Ms. Girard added that "OAGS provides many support areas for ostomates and the Providence group is meant as an additional resource to those ostomates who feel they need additional support. The group is also designed to help new ostomates cope with the social and personal aspects of their condition."

"The design of the program" Ms. Girard added, "is to further independence through support, guidance and education and to help maintain an optimal level of wellness mentally, physically and emotionally. The program welcomes and encourages participation to promote mutual aid and to provide the opportunity to share ideas and experiences."

Persons will be made aware of the OAGS programs as well and will be encouraged to join that group for the many benefits they provide, according to Ms. Girard.

CRP Course Planned At Fitness First

Are you interested in becoming certified in CPR? Fitness First, located at 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, will be offering a two-day class on Monday, November 14th, and Wednesday, November 16th. Both sessions will be from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The cost will be \$15 for members, and \$25 for non-members for both sessions. Each person is required to attend the full four hours each night to become certified.

If you are interested in taking this course, call 786-1460, or stop in to sign-up and be assured a spot in the class. The class is limited to 15 people, so sign-up now.

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Class Of 1946 Reunion



AGAWAM HIGH CLASS Of 1946 members who traveled the longest distance to attend the recent 42nd class reunion were, from left - Elaine Carr Barton, Florida; Ed Green, California; and Marian Lauritsen Anderson, Arizona. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Nocturnal Adoration Society Plans Memorial Mass Nov. 11

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will hold its Memorial Mass for all deceased members and their families at the Dominican Nuns Monastery of the Mother of God, 1430 Riverdale Street, West Springfield, Friday evening, November 11th, at 7:00 p.m.

This will be a concelebrated Mass, with Auxiliary Bishop Leo E. O'Neil as principal celebrant. Celebrating the Mass with him are priests of our participating parishes.

There also will be induction of new members, with Moderator Father Albert E. Breton of the society and Louis J. Gallerani, president, will present to the new members the Manual and Medallion.

Refreshments will be served in the Sisters' Lounge following the ceremony and Mass. The public is cordially invited to attend.

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please contact Jack Devine at his home, 789-0053. If Jack is out, please leave a message. *****

Providence Hospital Sets Diabetic Teaching Series

The Providence Hospital Diabetic Teaching Program will present a series of free classes beginning Friday, November 4th, at 7:00 p.m., in the hospital conference room.

Mary Ellen Strzempko, R.N., C.D.E., Diabetic Teaching Nurse, said classes are open to all diabetics, their families, and the public. No advanced registration is necessary.

Mrs. Strzempko also runs the hospital's blood sugar level testing on the second Thursday of every month. The next one will be held on November 10th, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., in the auditorium. Those taking the test must fast from midnight. No advanced registration is necessary. A \$2 donation is asked to cover some of the costs.

The November diabetic class schedule is as follows: **November 4th—An Explanation of diabetes for diabetics including signs and symptoms.**

November 11th—Administration of insulin, reactions, oral medications, and signs of shock and coma.

November 18th—Blood and urine glucose monitoring, more shock and coma discussion and Dr. Robert Fleischner, Springfield podiatrist, will discuss foot care.

November 25th—Cathy Menard, R.D., Clinical Dietitian, will discuss diet and the entire program will be reviewed.

A question and answer period is part of each series. Persons with questions may contact Mrs. Strzempko at the hospital, 539-2938.

Westfield Savings Bank Continues Strong Performance

Westfield Savings Bank held its quarterly meeting on October 18th at Burgundy's Restaurant in Westfield. President Donald W. Williams reported that the bank is continuing its strong 1988 performance with third quarter net income of \$1,044,307 bringing year-to-date net income to \$2,352,152.

During the same period, bank assets increased \$1,086,820 resulting in year-to-date asset increases of \$21,013,710. Total bank assets are now \$284,113,842. Bank deposits third quarter growth of \$136,477 brought total 1988 gains to \$18,737,126.

Williams also reported that the outlook for fourth quarter 1988 is very good. The bank expects interest rates to remain steady through the fourth quarter.

It was also announced that the bank successfully completed conversion to a new computer service bureau. Additionally, Westfield Savings Bank is in the process of redesigning the New Accounts and Retirement Services Areas of the Main Office to better accommodate customer needs.

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Becoming Bigger Problem

More people may become victims of carbon monoxide poisoning during the next few months than at any other time of the year. What's even more frightening is that many cases could be misdiagnosed as the common flu.

Whether you heat your home with natural gas, oil, coal or wood, your heating system can produce toxic carbon monoxide if it is not working properly or if it is inadequately vented. Signs indicating the presence of carbon monoxide include stuffy, stale or smelly air, very high humidity and soot coming from a fireplace or heating system.

To reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning, have your furnace checked by your fuel supplier or a licensed heating contractor at the onset of cold weather. Also have your chimney or vent pipes checked for blockage.

Often referred to as "the silent killer," carbon monoxide is a vapor that is odorless, colorless and tasteless, but very toxic. Likewise, carbon monoxide poisoning cases are difficult to diagnose, since the victim may not experience any symptoms or only one or a few. Some of the more common symptoms include headaches, dizziness, nausea, unclear thinking, shortness of breath, weakness, vision problems, loss of muscle control and unconsciousness.

If you suspect the presence of carbon monoxide in your home, open the windows and call your fuel supplier or licensed heating contractor for an emergency inspection.

Dr. Tina Ross Donates Funds To Disseminate Health Info

A sizeable cash contribution for the purpose of disseminating health information has been made by a local chiropractor.

Dr. Tina D. Ross of Hampden County Chiropractic has contributed to a national public service campaign designed to make consumers more aware of safety and health factors. Participating are more than 10,000 doctors of chiropractic whose objective is to motivate "doctorless" people to seek out and put themselves under the preventive care of a family health adviser.

"Every family should have a doctor it can depend on to protect its health. Unfortunately, too many families are neglecting their health until it is too late. This is a national problem."

Dr. Ross pointed out that some of the funds raised in the public service are being used to publish and insert a health information advertising supplement in the November issue of *Reader's Digest*. Additional copies are being distributed through participating doctors' offices.

The *Reader's Digest* reprint is available FREE by calling Dr. Tina Ross, 786-4820, or writing Hampden County Chiropractic, Agawam Professional Center, 850 Springfield Street, Suite 3, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030.

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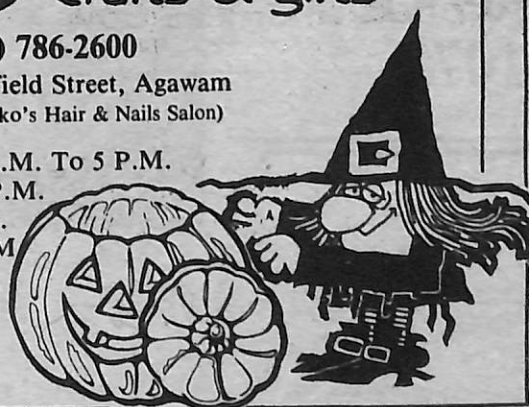
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Fitness First Holds Annual Open House



AGAWAM SENIOR CITIZENS find the low impact exercises at Fitness First to be most invigorating. The instructor is Luann Viviani. The group is called "The Primetimers." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



KIM DUNN, sister of Agawam teen Bobby Dunn who is the benefactor of a Fitness First racquetball tournament to help defray medical expenses, enjoys the windracer bike race at the club during its Annual Open House on October 23rd.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1988 at 8:00 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of MR. DAVID GRIFFIN who is seeking relief from Section 20-43 (e) of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the construction of a duplex housing unit on a lot with less than the required frontage and square footage located at 39 KING STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald LaRiviere, Chairman

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FITNESS FIRST AEROBIC INSTRUCTORS - Vicki Sleeper, Becky Arsenault, Jane King, Laurie Lyman, and Terri Cabral. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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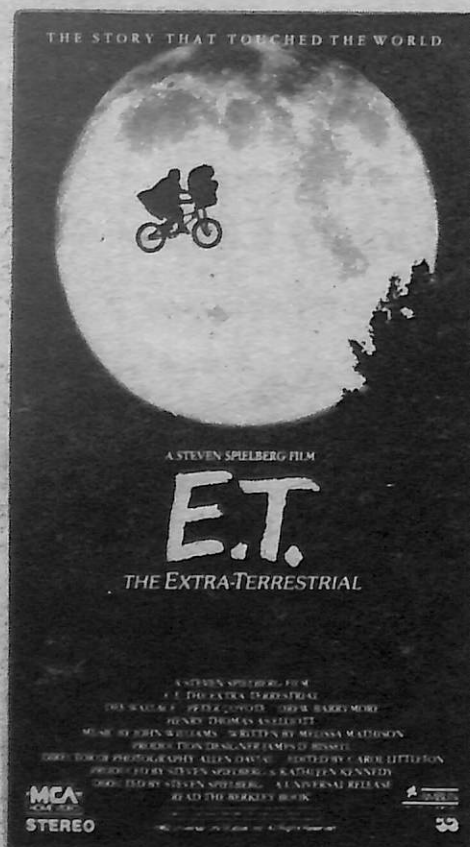
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